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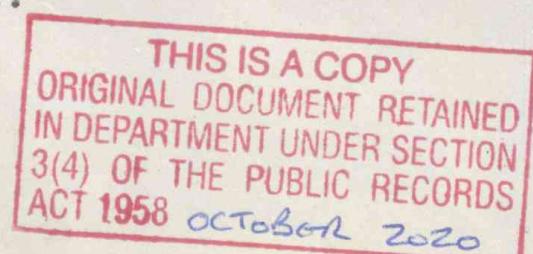
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REES
Home Office Warrant T.S./233 on Morgan Goronwy REES is due for review on 11th December, 1964. When this Warrant was applied for on 20th October (see minute 330) it was hoped that we should be able to interview REES fairly soon. It has not been possible to arrange this so far and I should therefore be grateful if the Warrant could be revalidated for a further six months.

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D.D.G. theo D a D1/12 12/12/2012

We have been unable to interview RCGS owing to [redacted] illness: we are now making alternative arrangements & hope to do it soon. I would therefore be grateful to see this warrant consolidated.

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Peter Lang, it.

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I should be grateful if the Home Office Warrant
T.S./2585 could be amended to include the telephone number
WESTern 1316. This telephone is installed at 18c Prince
of Wales Terrace, W.8, to which address Morgan Goronwy
REES is shortly moving. The telephone is already connected
and REES is the subscriber.

2. The REES' propose to move on Monday and Tuesday, 11th and 12th January but owing to mortgage difficulties it is not yet certain that they will actually do so on these dates. In the circumstances I should like to maintain the check on KNIGHTSBRIDGE 6352 until there is confirmation that they have actually left 29 South Terrace, S.W.7. When the confirmation is received the check on the Knightsbridge number will be cancelled.

D. 1
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The REES' proposed move to their new address at 18c Prince of Wales Terrace, W.8 was postponed from the beginning of January owing to difficulties over the mortgage arrangements. Their move has however taken place today. I should therefore like to further amend the Home Office Warrant T.S./2585 to delete the telephone number KNightsbridge 6352 installed at 29 South Terrace, S.W.7 maintaining the number WESTern 1316 at 18c Prince of Wales Terrace, W.8.

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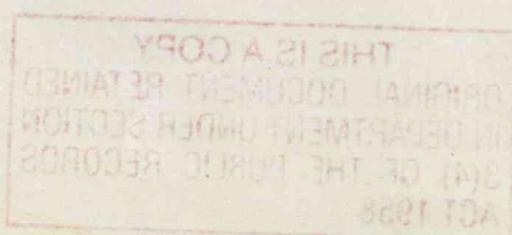
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Outgoing call MARGY to WHI 9400 for EXT 393, Mr. WRIGHT. He was not there today. MARGY explained that it was not an urgent matter and remarked that - 'I want to tell him something that I think he'd like to know - well, several things that he'd like to know, he will know what it is - what it's about. She asked if this message could be given to Mr. WRIGHT. She suggested that - 'perhaps he'd like to give me a ring and we could meet, or something, on Monday'. 10.33

Incoming call to MARGY from PETER WRIGHT - who would be on leave on Monday but was travelling through London tomorrow - would it be any use calling then? MARGY to this replied - 'yes, do'. She mentioned hat - 'thinking about it a bit more REES thought there were a couple of more things'. It was agreed that he would call at about 4 o'clock tomorrow. MARGY, who said that they were going away at the end of the week, thought that their luncheon guests will have left by then. 10.43

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Outgoing call MARGY to the WAR OFFICE, Ext. 393, for Mr. PETER WRIGHT.

MARGY, whilst holding on said aside to REES in the background - 'very strange old telephone exchange they've got haven't they?'.

The operator could get no reply ~~XXXX~~ and asked whether 'anyone else' could help.

MARGY did not think so.

The operator offered to put her on to the secretary but from this there was no reply either. The operator said that 'the only other person I can give you is our Duty Officer'. MARGY replied 'No, that's all right thanks, thank you very much'.

18.12

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Incoming call to MARGY from JENNY.

The conversation continued about the mouse and the keys and some maps DANIEL was to bring back tonight.

MARGY asked JENNY to ring her on her return - CHELMSLEY 430. She said they would expect JENNY for Easter. After further conversation JENNY asked -

J. How did this afternoon go?

M. Oh - fine.

J. Good.

M. Fine. I - I can't tell you what happened.

J. No.

M. And, you mustn't talk to anybody about it.

J. No.

M. But, thanks for moving DAN for me.

J. That's all right.

M. He doesn't know anything about it, does he?

J. Nothing, no.

M. No, that's all right.

JENNY enquired whether they were going to be in this evening. MARGY said they were. JENNY would see them later.

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Note for File

Recent discussions and interviews suggest that there is a need to clarify the relationship between Goronwy REES and Guy BURGESS in so far as it is concerned with Edouard PFEIFFER. This note represents an attempt to correlate the available material.

2. At serial 5a in PF.604,583 (Goronwy REES) is the original written statement made by REES to MI5 at the time of the defection of BURGESS and MACLEAN. In it REES lists a number of persons whom he regarded as suspect because of their frequent contacts with BURGESS. The list includes Edouard PFEIFFER, whom REES describes as a Frenchman and head of Daladier's personal secretariat. REES understood that BURGESS was acting as an intermediary between PFEIFFER, representing Daladier, and Mr. Chamberlain.

3. At serials 9b, page 18, 22aa and 215a, there is further reference to PFEIFFER, but it does not add anything significant in the present context. PFEIFFER's own file (PF.604,588) sheds no fresh light on the position of REES.

4. REES himself has always held that he was not in any way involved in the relationship between BURGESS and PFEIFFER, apart from having met PFEIFFER at some of the gatherings in BURGESS' flat. It has sometimes been assumed in discussion that the visit to Paris of REES and BURGESS in 1937 was at the latter's instigation. It would appear to be wrong, as is shown by the manuscript of REES' intended book on the BURGESS affair, which provided the basis of the articles in "The People" in 1956. (The relevant portion of the manuscript is to be found in Part V, pages 31 onwards.) In summary, what REES wrote was that he had decided in 1937 to go to Paris to attend the conference of the Writers' International, a Communist-dominated literary association. When Guy BURGESS learned of his intention he said that he would like to go along too, much to REES' surprise, since he knew Guy to be contemptuous of the sort of people likely to attend the conference. BURGESS attended several meetings with REES, in the course of which he developed a great admiration for and attachment to the American, Theodore DREISER. One morning during their sojourn in Paris, Guy BURGESS and REES went to a bistro near the Arc de Triomphe, whence Guy went off on his own to see PFEIFFER whilst REES waited in the bistro for him. When Guy returned REES noticed that he was bubbling over with happiness, enthusiasm and excitement and he found it difficult to understand how a creature as revolting as PFEIFFER could produce such an effect.

5. Assuming that REES' account is truthful - and there is no reason to do otherwise - it is clear that the occasion on which he was left sitting in a bistro to await the return of BURGESS from an assignment with PFEIFFER, is of no special significance. REES did not visit Paris at the behest of BURGESS: on the contrary, it was BURGESS who tagged on to REES. Nor does it seem to have been the principal object of BURGESS to contact PFEIFFER or, if it was, REES was not aware of it. In the circumstances, there is no good reason for suspecting that there was any sinister motive behind REES' visit, or for doubting REES' contention that he himself was not involved with PFEIFFER.

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Incoming call to MARGY from Mr. GODRICH, WESTMINSTER BANK.

GODRICH wished to have a discussion about the remaining overdraft - £1200 or £1300 - now that the money for the sale of the house had been received. He explained that there were no arrangements for this overdraft and mentioned having written to REES a while ago telling him 'that you'd had this money' and asking if either he or she would call to discuss the position of the bank account from now onwards.

GODRICH confirmed the amount being £6827.16.8.

MARGY had known nothing about this money being paid in and consulted aside with GORONWY who said that they had not been informed. MARGY pointed out that the sum was in fact about £1000 less than it should have been. They would make inquiries. GODRICH suggested the agent might still be holding a sum which might have been paid as a deposit.

Discussion about this followed and they then returned to talk about the overdraft.

MARGY mentioned that there would be a sum of £500 coming from the publisher and this would make the overdraft that much less.

GODRICH pointed out that £500 was in fact paid in a little while ago and thought that this might have been it.

MARGY said that this was quite definitely not it - 'this was a friend of ours helping us'.

GODRICH presumed this would have to be paid back.

MARGY replied - 'no - probably never'.

GODRICH was delighted to hear it.

MARGY continued - 'it's somebody we've done a lot for in our time too and, it's a sort of - well - pay back, if you like'.

GODRICH would be away next week.

MARGY explained that they were probably going away the following week.

GODRICH wondered whether they could come along tomorrow.

MARGY mentioned that they had an appointment at 2.0.

She would try and get hold of WYATT ~~INVESTIGATOR~~ and would ring him back today, if possible.

12.19

Outgoing call MARGY to WYATT & Co Mr. HAWES.

HAWES would get a letter off to them tomorrow with all details and figures. He confirmed that everything the agent - their fees - the central heating - had been paid, and that the amount paid into the bank was the full amount they were to receive.

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I/C for REES from BARTER (Accountant.)
 BARTER asked if it would be convenient for him to come round now?
 REES preferred this afternoon, and it was settled that BARTER came at about 14.30.
 11.18.

I/C for MARGY from PAMELA WIEBURG.
 PAMELA said she had not seen MARGY last night (at the party.) MARGY said she was not very well. (She sounded near tears!)
 PAMELA asked what had happened? MARGY replied: 'A various collection of other things.'
 PAMELA asked if MARGY would rather not speak? MARGY would prefer not. She arranged to ring PAMELA on THURSDAY MORNING to have a talk. PAMELA was off to the USA on MONDAY.
 11.44.

I/C from PEGGY REES.
 REES answered and called MARGY.
 Domestic chatter followed - of no interest. MARGY spoke about the children. She was rather exhausted, she said, and had spent the morning in bed. REES had got up early and had been working since 08.00.
 JENNY was off to C/PI d'AIL for a fortnight. She had taken the villa that they - the REES's - had rented (on a previous occasion.) JENNY's boyfriend was going with her. MARGY said he was a brick. She thought they would marry eventually.
 14.36.

Incoming call from JENNY to MARGY.
 JENNY remarked that - 'I get to the office to find everybody asking me what do I know about this Yugoslavian'. MARGY knew nothing about this and said - 'which Yugoslavian?' JENNY continued - 'that DADDY's name is in the TIMES ~~today~~ today'. There was a letter in the TIMES today, she said, and it looked like being the 'Encounter lot'. MARGY went to get the paper and returned to say that it was 'all right' - and appeared to mentioned that it was the thing that REES 'signed' 'that's all'. JENNY went on - 'yes - I just wondered whether it was anything to do with the other thing?'
 MARGY replied - 'no - nothing at all' - this thing was just a sort of protest, that's all! 10.48

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Incoming call from ~~to MARGY~~ ringing to ask how they all were. Her reported MARIA having arrived safely - there had been a telegram announcing her safe arrival.
 MARGY spoke of themselves as being 'bruised and battered' but otherwise they were all right. GORONWY was all right and 'much better' - things had improved with the young although there had been further upsets with them.
 was off to Washington and ~~on Saturday~~

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I/C for MARGY from JENNY.

They discussed DANIEL. MARGY told her that more money had been owing than he had said, and REES had now settled the debts. JENNY asked how much. About £27.

JENNY thought the twins had turned into such horrible boys. MARGY blamed 'that place,' and the sooner they were out of it, the better. (She meant WESTMINSTER.) JENNY said that all blame could not be put on 'that place!'

At one point in the conversation, JENNY said:

JENNY "Will you tell me the thing about DADDY sometime?"

MARGY "Sometime, yes."

Later during this call, MARGY asked what JENNY was doing on FRIDAY. She was packing. MARGY then asked if DANIEL could come and help her in the afternoon?

MARGY "I want to be alone."

JENNY "Yes, indeed, yes."

MARGY "Or rather, we want to be ---"

JENNY "Why? Are you having another gentleman?"

MARGY "I don't know."

JENNY "You must explain that to me, MUMMY, sometime."

MARGY "Ermm - yes, as much as I can."

The call ended.

22.29.

I/C for MARGY from LUCY.

LUCY asked for news of DANIEL. She was given it.

MARGY sounded very distressed. LUCY remarked upon this and asked if she was all right.

MARGY swore that she was. She was very tired, she said.

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O/G REES to WHI 9400 - Ext: 393 -
 REES asked to speak to MR. WRIGHT. Did he mean
 MR. P.M. WRIGHT? Yes, he did.
 REES had to wait some considerable time. The secretary
 apologised for this, as did [redacted] who came to the
 phone.
 REES said:

REES "You and your friend said that you would like to come
 and see us?"

JIM "Yes, very much."

REES asked if WEDNESDAY would be convenient?
 [redacted] asked if REES could possibly make it another day?
 REES then suggested FRIDAY. [redacted] agreed, and asked
 what sort of time? REES would like about a quarter past
 two. This was agreed. REES gave his address.
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PF. No.604,583.....

Copy to.....

A.4 Ref.F...818/3.....

Day Saturday/Sunday.....Date 20/21st March, 1965.

We took up observation shortly after 07.00 on Saturday 20th March, 1965.

2. REES came out from his home at 11.15 and visited the local branch of the Westminster Bank, 1 Kensington High Street, W.8. He cashed a cheque. One of our officers who had entered the bank shortly after REES, formed the impression that the amount was not very great. REES then returned home and came out again at 12.05, proceeded to the United Dairy Co. in Kensington High Street, bought a couple of pints of milk and returned home.

3. REES was not seen to move outside his house during the rest of this day. Shortly after 18.00 a man who was considered most likely to be REES could be seen in a third floor front room at REES' address, sitting at a table and writing. There was a boy with him part of the time, aged about twelve to fourteen. We withdrew at 20.00 as it seemed unlikely that there would be any other significant movement, especially in view of the weather conditions.

Sunday 21st March, 1965.

4. We commenced observation at 08.45.

5. At 13.05 REES came out from his home, walked towards Kensington High Street, purchased some cigarettes and a paper and entered the Presto Mocca Coffee Bar in Kensington High Street, where he sat alone reading his paper and drinking his coffee. He appeared very relaxed. At 13.30 REES returned home; shortly after this we withdrew observation, having agreed this course of action with you on the telephone.

22.3.65.

W.D. Hooper
W.D. Hooper

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A.4 SURVEILLANCE REPORTSection.....D.3.Subject.....REES, Morgan Goronwy.....Officer.....P. WrightPF. No...604,583.....

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A.4 Ref. F...818/2.....Day.....FridayDate.....19th March, 1965.

REES was observed to arrive in South Audley Street by taxi, at 15.55. Having noted No. 41 he meandered about in the vicinity, smoking and showing some signs of nervousness. He entered No. 41 South Audley Street at 16.00.

2. At 19.10 REES left No. 41 and immediately went into the South Audley Arms, where he consumed two pints of beer in thirty-five minutes. He appeared to be highly agitated. He made an enquiry about how to get to Kensington by bus, and at 17.45 left the public house and walked to Park Lane. He caught a No. 74 bus, and at Hyde Park Corner changed to a No. 73 bus. REES did not appear to be surveillance conscious, but he continued to show signs of agitation, and was smoking repeatedly.

3. REES alighted from his 73 bus in Knightsbridge and proceeded to the Swan Public House in Sloane Street, where he had another pint, still twitching perceptibly. He did look about him whilst in this public house. At about 20.10 REES left the Swan and caught a No. 9 bus to the top of Gloucester Road. He proceeded to the Count Down Club, 1a Palace Gate, W.8. He descended the steps to this club, but quickly came back to pavement level again. It was not clear to our observers whether he had been refused admission, or whether he had perhaps been unsuccessful in locating someone there. He next proceeded to the Goat Public House in Kensington High Street, had a quick whisky and soda and then walked to his home address, entering at 20.35. No fresh lights were observed to come on subsequent to his entry.

4. There was no further movement up to 22.30, when we withdrew.

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P.W. I had better start this off by saying that this conversation is very strictly under the Official Secrets Act and no allusion to it must be made to any other person, and, certainly nothing printed about it. What I want to talk to you about is BURGESS and MacLEAN and the things - Whatever the public may think we have never given up and never will give up, and, during - since you were last questioned 9 years ago and the celebrated articles we've made very considerable progress in this - some of this hit the head-lines and KIM PHILBY - he confessed in the end and - as the announcement told and this helped things on a lot. We've had at least two very good defectors from the other side who told us an awful lot about what went on, and, during the last two years we have been steadily interviewing everybody concerned with this which was to hear this out, and, we have at least four.... people concerned in it who have now confessed and told us all

Now, not to mince words, we don't think you've told us everything you know about the matter, and the purpose of this talk is to start the thing off by giving you the opportunity to tell us what you do know. I know you've said a lot of things in the past, and, I'm not saying that that's true or lies at the moment, but I do think that you do know more about it than you have told us.

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Now - I'm really asking you to give us your full collaboration now and sort this out, and, if you want to think about it for a minute or two, before you say by all means anything, /do so. We have decided there's no....

G.R. Well, I'm - er - sorry/~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ to add to ... we had before

P.W. Well,

G.R.

Everything I do know I've told you.

P.W. Well - but, I suppose, you can sort of get hold of the threads. Would you mind starting again from the beginning, when, in the Oxford days when GUY - when you first got to know GUY? -

G.R. Ehm.

P.W. - and, tell us the whole story again.

G.R. All over again?

P.W. Ehm. It's a very tedious -

G.R. Very difficult!

In point of fact, PETER, if I may say something here - there was one bit of time so to speak that never really got covered when you had previous meetings with our colleagues and that was the period 1937-1939. Although

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you said that GUY made his original overtures in 1937 and you said that this particular period went on until 1939, you never really went into any details.

So, perhaps you could sort of start from there.

G.R. Well, I didn't ever get any details - except for GUY making this overture to me and saying -

P.W. Would you mind very much if we do record it - it's much easier?

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G.R. Ehm - apart from GUY making this overture to me and apart from my having a conversation with ANTHONY BLUNT and, thirdly, by telling GUY of a conversation between ^{DAWSON?} HALIFAX and DORSET and SIMON at All Souls, and, I think, ^(edit of the time) that's it.

So, during that period, you really never had to do anything at all?

G.R. GUY never asked me to do anything, no.

P.W. What did GUY say to you originally? Can you remember the circumstances that led up to it?

G.R. I think, I can, very well, actually. It was in my flat - it was rather late at night and we drank rather a lot of whisky, and, he said he was an agent of the Comintern and that he would like to have my assistance.

P.W. And you agreed at that time?

G.R. At that time I agreed with it.

P.W. Now, when - apart from this conversation about SIMON and DORSET did GUY ever discuss any problems with you in connection with this? -

G.R. Ehm

P.W. - after that?

G.R. I'm now trying to remember when it was that we went over to Paris together - this must have been in - er - 1938, I suppose. We went over to Paris together and he went to see that man who was DELADIER's Chef de Cabinet - what's

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his name - he was a leading member of the Boy Scout movement who during the war - was a collaborator during the war and then went to Sweden and I don't know what

happened to him afterwards.

P.W. Did GUY meet anybody else, do you know, at that time?

G.R. Not that I knew of, no.

P.W. When did GUY first start coming to All Souls?

G.R. Oh - he came first - ehm - in 1932 - it must have been -

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G.R. have been/- he came there as a guest of FRANKFURTER's(?) -
 was he a guest - I don't know - no, he came to stay with
 MAURICE FARMER, I think, because we all motored down
 and that's when I first met him.

P.W. You got to know him very well, didn't you, over that
 period?

G.R. Very well, very well.

P.W. Yes. Now, why, if you weren't doing anything, did you
 think it necessary to break/off in 1939?

G.R. In 1939 (hesitates) - oh - because of the - because of the
 Russo - German pact.

P.W. Yes, but you weren't doing anything for him?

G.R. No, I just wanted to tell him I wanted to have no more
 to do with it.

P.W. Yes. Did GUY ever ask you about anybody in Oxford
 during that time? I mean, their political views and
 so on and so forth.

G.R. No, no - so far as I can remember, not at all.

P.W. And as far as you were concerned the thing came to an
 end in 1939?

G.R. As far as I'm concerned it came to an end in 1939 and
 the thing was never mentioned again until after the war -
 and - I asked him if he was still an agent and he refused
 to discuss it.

When was that?

G.R. Ehm - it must have been - I should say, in 1947, probably.
 Quite a long time after the war - sometime after you'd
 come back from Germany ?

G.R. Sometime then - after I'd come back -

And at that time you

G.R. Yes.

Yes - and that continued until 1951?

G.R. '51, yes.

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P.W. Well, let's - we'll come back - go back - in order to clear some other points. Let's get right on to the time when GUY came back from Washington

G.R. When he turned up to me immediately on his return?

P.W. Return, yes. Can you tell me what he said?

G.R. He wrote to me while he was in Washington, a very wild letter about British foreign policy - he came back, I think he must have come back - come to see me straight from the boat and he was in a very sort of, you know, exalted mood, and I was ill at the time - and, I had a feeling that he wanted to say something to me and didn't say anything to me because he thought I was ill, which I was. But, he told me - one - that he had written a long memorandum which the Washington Embassy had refused to forward and that he intended to show this to somebody in the Foreign Office and, in fact, to the person who was head of the department - I think, he'd been in the Far Eastern Department - and, he intended to show this to him, and so I said it was absolutely pointless and....

He stayed the night with us - he was extremely nice, I thought he was very much better than he had been - he'd cleaned himself up enormously, he looked well, and we had - and, since - apart from saying this he had very little - very little discussion at all, but we had a very agreeable evening. And, I saw him a few days later and I asked him had he in fact shown the memorandum to anyone, and, he said 'yes' - he had in fact shown it to DONALD MacLEAN.

the follow-up
He was to have come to stay with us ~~for the~~ week-end, and, for some reason or other, I put him off and that,

I think, was the week-end before he disappeared.

I went to stay at All Souls that week-end. While I was there I was rung up by my wife who said she'd had a very

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G.R. a very/ hysterical conversation with JACKIE HEWITT who had been enquiring where GUY was and was asking her if by any chance he was at All Souls with me.

I got back to my house the next day and for some extraordinary reason had some feeling that something had happened to him and I did, in fact think that he'd gone and, therefore, I rang up DAVID FOOTMAN and said that I thought we ought to tell you about it, and, as far as I know it was the first-

I also had a long conversation with ANTHONY who couldn't offer any explanation as to what had happened to GUY.

P.W. Did ANTHONY come to see you or did you go to see ANTHONY?

G.R. I told ANTHONY - I told ANTHONY to come down and see me the next day and said that I intended to go and see you - your organisation, and he asked me not to do it.

Why did he say not to do it, and what reasons did he give you?

G.R. Oh - that, you know, that - 'I'd rather save my friend than my country' - something like that - I mean, it simply was this, you see, - personal relationship and it would be wrong to turn the tables - tell anyone that he - Purely on that basis. And, you, on the other hand, were thinking in reverse terms, were you?

G.R. I was thinking in reverse terms - I was determined to say ... - and found nobody worked together, when I first met your colleague

P.W. Yes.

A sort of British Whittaker Chambers.

G.R. Ehm.

I notice that you frequently expressed your strong support of WHITTACKER CHAMBERS.

G.R. Yes, indeed, oh yes.

P.W. Did you discuss with ANTHONY the possibility of his implication in all this?

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G.R. I did - I - so, I said - this was a very odd conversation we had before the war when GUY told me that he was an agent and that ANTHONY was one of his colleagues. I had said to ANTHONY - 'I gather that you are working with GUY' - and he said - 'Yes, I am, but GUY has said that he wished us not to discuss it with each other, so I didn't'. So, when I asked ANTHONY to come down and see me at Sonning I said - 'what about this extraordinary conversation we had in the park' and he said - 'Oh - then I was working with him because he was working for [redacted] - you know [redacted] do you? And, I was working with him in this capacity as a colleague of [redacted]

[redacted] This was very surprising to me because I didn't - it couldn't have been such a misunderstanding. But - ehm - well, I naturally accepted what he said because, after all, ... keeping your own organisation.

P.W. Did you ever discuss your conversation in the park with GUY?

G.R. With GUY?

P.W. Yes.

G.R. As far as I know I never did.

(Tea being poured.)

[redacted] During the war years you kept in touch with GUY, did you

G.R. I saw very little of him except when I was on leave and for a time - and when I was stationed here at St. PAULS, when I was on the planning staff for

[redacted] Because - you were very close friends, weren't you?

G.R. Yes.

[redacted] In fact, you could say he was probably one of your best friends?

G.R. Oh - certainly, certainly.

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P.W. You were in London from '44 until mid-'45, weren't you? - then you **went** to Germany after that.

G.R. Yes, yes. I saw quite a lot of him then.

P.W. Can you remember - did you go to Bentick Street?

G.R. Ehm.

P.W. You went often. Do you remember any of his associates at that time?

G.R. Oh yes - JOHN STRACHEY - ehm - ANTHONY, of course - **LLIWELYN** DAVIES - the two girls who occupied the flat - the daily, of course. I don't remember many other people.

P.W. And when we went to you in 1956 you produced - you were asked who - if you were in the Security Service, who would you be interested in and you produced a number of names, do you remember them?

G.R. I was asked who would I be interested in?

P.W. Yes - if you were a member of the Security Service. **wasn't it?** If you were a member of the Security Service, **XXXXXX**

P.W. Yes.

And you were working for the Russians, wasn't it?

G.R. Ehm.

You actually mentioned a few names when -

G.R. Was this the exact question - I don't think this was a question, was it? - not if I were **working** for the Russians, but if I were actually working there -

P.W. If you were a member of the Security Service, yes.
(talking together)

G.R. Yes - I think I said I'd have been interested in FOOTMAN, I'd have been interested in BLUNT, I'd have been interested in - what was the name of the man who was the Deputy Head of your Organisation? - GUY LIDDEL.

P.W. GUY LIDDEL.

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G.R. I'd have been interested in that man, you know, who is a Communist of some kind who had been at Cambridge with GUY - I've forgotten his name. I'd have been interested in him - those are the only other names I can name - er - I'd have been interested in the MacLEANS.

P.W. Well, there were some other ones - CAIRNCROSS?

G.R. CAIRNCROSS, yes, certainly.

P.W. And, KESSLER?

G.R. Yes.

P.W. Ehm - ZAEHNER?

G.R. (Pause) Did I say so?

P.W. Ehm. And,

G.R. Yes.

P.W. Could we go through these names and, what I would like, is your views on these people and why you think so - I mean, we have our own views on this, but, I would like your views, you see. So, let's start off with FOOTMAN - it's the first name you mentioned.

G.R. I would have been interested in FOOTMAN because (pause) - did I really mention ZAEHNER, that is a surprise, really!

P.W. You did, ehm.

G.R. FOOTMAN, because, he belonged to the class of people who GUY from time to time would say were absolutely wonderful men, and, who had slightly vague - I met him first when he was in the Balkans and GUY used to ~~xxxxxx~~ praise through the skies as the most extraordinary and remarkable man. And, all these people, whom GUY referred to in these terms, I would have regarded as worth investigating - DAVID especially because then, afterwards, because he was a member of the Security Service and continued to be a great friend of GUY's and was a part of this extraordinary little group that used to meet

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G.R. meet/ every Monday night and go to the musical together-
that is, GUY, DAVID and GUY LIDDEL. Well, they were
all very peculiar, extraordinary. This was such a
regular thing - I never did go with them. I was away
once and they asked my wife to go and she went and
she thought it was exceedingly odd. On the other hand,
one might think that they did it because they were all
members of the Security Service and they had a common ...
But, it was always a very odd and peculiar meeting.

That was why I mentioned DAVID. CAIRNCROSS-

P.W. May I stop you a moment - this is the past - let's go-
has anything happened since that's altered your views
in any way? - on DAVID, taking him first?

G.R. On DAVID?

P.W. Yes.

G.R. Er - not really, no. DAVID has always remained and
always will remain a mystery to me.

P.W. Yes, fair enough.

G.R. What?

P.W. Yes, fair enough - I'm just trying to, you know -

G.R. ... remains a mystery. If I were a member of the
Security Service I would still think it was worth while
to - though I know him a great deal better than I knew
him then - he's remained a very great friend of mine.
His views have changed enormously, and, yet, he does
remain a mystery to me, and he is a very great friend
of mine.

P.W. How Left was he in those days?

G.R. Ehm - I think, before the war, before he came back to
England, he was very Left, I think. During the war
I'd think he was - I wouldn't say-Left - I think he
was certainly pro-Communist then. I knew that he'd
had a great deal to do with affairs of TITO and the
Balkans during the war and, I would have said, that

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G.R. that/ he was a person who was - did his best to get asked or transferred to TITO or MIHAILOVITCH's he was - he lectured there. But, he's a person who never - he's never very explicit about his political views and never has been (pause) - but, I would have said, there's certainly a quality of Leftist.

P.W. Well, right - let's leave him for the moment.

JOHN CAIRNCROSS is the next you were going to take.

G.R. JOHN CAIRNCROSS was a person who has been - he was one of these again - a person who, GUY would say, what a perfectly marvellous person he was, which is a thing I really didn't think about CAIRNCROSS and he used to... and GUY took a very great personal interest in him and went to great lengths to help him and cosset him, because, you know, when he went into the Foreign Office he at that time - he didn't get on very well there and GUY used to go out of his way to cosset him, look after him, in the kind of way that always made one think that perhaps he had some practical interest in doing so.

P.W. How well did you know JOHN?

G.R. Ehm - not very well - indeed, hardly at all, ehm -

P.W. How did you come to meet him?

G.R. Er - with GUY.

P.W. Yes.

G.R. Who introduced me to him - he was to ~~send~~ me his poems to look at, and, indeed, a long time afterwards sent me a great deal more ^{when} ~~send~~, I think, he was living in Rome somewhere. But, I - no, I never knew him very well.

P.W. Have you seen him recently at all?

G.R. No. I think I last ~~heard~~ from him - oh - it must be very nearly 5 - or, more than that, I think, years ago, when he wrote to me - I think it was from Rome

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G.R. Rome/ asking me if I could return some poems he'd sent to me which I hadn't returned and which in fact I'd lost.

P.W. Well, who's next? GUY LIDDEL.

G.R. GUY LIDDEL. Well, the reason why I would investigate - I thought GUY LIDDEL was worth investigating was, again, that he formed part of this little - extraordinary little group - that he was - ehm - extremely tied up with ANTHONY and GUY, and, it really seemed to me, a very odd association - unless, perhaps, it was entirely to be explained on homosexual grounds.

You would definitely have classified GUY LIDDEL as a homosexual, would you?

G.R. Yes. Yes, I - I - er - took it for granted.

P.W. This is a point that we ought to face on the other two too - would you classify either DAVID or JOHN as queers?

G.R. No, no - not at all. Well - CAIRNCROSS, I suppose, might have been, I don't know - but, I don't think he was - I would have thought GUY LIDDEL was a thorough ... at it in the sense that GUY and ANTHONY were, but, CAIRNCROSS, I would have thought not, and DAVID not at all

P.W. Did you meet GUY LIDDEL through GUY? - BURGESS?

G.R. Yes.

P.W. What - at Bentick Street or somewhere like that, was it, or, before the war? (pause)

G.R. After the war - I think I first met him at a party of DAVID's - I think - here again, he was a person I didn't know at all well - ehm - but I used to hear a great deal about him from DAVID and a great deal from GUY. And - from the way GUY talked about him I took it for granted he was a homosexual.

P.W. What was your impression of him?

G.R. GUY LIDDEL?

P.W. Yes.

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G.R. I couldn't understand why they admired him so much because he didn't seem to me a frightfully pleasant person, or, frightfully interesting person, in fact, I thought he was rather a bore and ordinary person and wasn't particularly interested in him.

P.W. Did he know you had this - ?

G.R. I used to

(laughs) - and this always aroused one's interest.

P.W. Yes. Well - shall we take ANTHONY next?

G.R. Well - ANTHONY - er - is a profound mystery and always will remain a profound mystery to me. It seemed - at the beginning of the war that ANTHONY was not at all the kind of person one would expect to lead to war service, so to speak. And, it seemed to me extremely that in the very beginning of the war he should have gone on the first staff college course I think they ever held at - for Government official service so to speak and they handle it at the staff college - well, indeed, before the war I think he went, and then, should be immediately - go into the Security Service - and, that seemed to me very frightfully out of character, quite surprising. After having done so, one somehow took it for granted, therefore, that he must - and, knowing what I did at the..... all the facts that I knew about him - it seemed to me he'd - but then, the war makes a lot of changes to people and so, therefore, I took it for granted that he must be all right and, therefore, I thought that GUY must be all right too. Because, somehow, there wouldn't seem reason to suppose these that/two people should

and so, I was inclined to forget about the thing and think that the whole thing was all right.

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G.R. Ehm - ANTHONY - in some ways, again, was one of a - belonged to the class of people whom GUY would always say was one of those marvellous people in the world, which was a thing I never did think. He was enormously dependant on GUY - he was extremely intelligent - profoundly homosexual and was tied up with GUY in so many ways that, you know, they were really inextricable, and, his own behaviour, to me, was so - as being so strange really that - he/always will behave in - you know, in his case, as in DAVID's, I would simply suspend judgement, I mean, until I knew more.

P.W. When you said 'so strange' - his behaviour to you - could you elaborate a bit, I'm trying to get the feel of it?

G.R. He'd get into - he got into such a state of absolute hysteria at the time of GUY's disappearance, and - there was this person JACKIE HEWITT and one day he asked me to go and see him, this was soon after GUY disappeared - he was very angry with me for going to you-going to M.I.5. - but then, he rang me up and said would I go over to see him. I went over to see him and he was in a state of absolute panic and said it was 'absolutely frightful' - because - 'JACKIE has threatened to commit suicide in my flat leaving behind what he says is evidence that will absolutely ruin me'. So, I said - 'where is he now' - he said - 'he's in my flat' and I said - 'do you really think he's going to commit suicide' - he said 'I simply don't know and what can we do?'. So, I said - no, in GUY's flat - in GUY's flat. I said the only thing to do was to go to the police at once, which I did do, and they went round and they found him there and, indeed, he had tried to commit suicide, but, whether it was a real attempt, or not, was very much ~~TOP SECRET~~ whether he was simply /over

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G.R. simply/ frightening ANTHONY - but, he certainly had an enormous amount with which to blackmail ANTHONY, if he'd wanted to. And - it seemed to me odd then that he should have called on me because, in fact, I never had been a very great friend of his - I'd known him very well simply because of GUY, but we had never really liked each other particularly - he's not my kind of person and I'm not his kind of person, but I knew a great deal about him and I thought it odd that he should have called on me at that time because I would have thought that there were other people he could have called on.

P.W. Have you seen him since then at all?

G.R. No.

P.W. Ehm. Since the famous days!

G.R. No, I haven't - I saw him once at the Athenaeum where, in fact, he cut me.

P.W. Ehm. ERIC KESSLER then?

G.R. Oh - KESSLER because - again, he was homosexual, deeply involved with GUY - again, he was a person who GUY used to say was a marvellous person though he was a really absolute mediocrity - I couldn't understand GUY, they were frightfully leer with each other and, again, I couldn't really see why somebody like KESSLER - what his interest in GUY could be, or, what GUY's interest in him could be. And - I think, I must have mentioned ZAEHNER, simply because he was KESSLER's brother-in-law. And - of those, KESSLER, I never knew, again, what KESSLER was up to, er - ZAEHNER, I'm quite sure was absolutely ... - there's no doubt about him at all, so, there's nothing, absolutely nothing, on him, no.

P.W. ZAEHNER is still at All Souls, isn't he?

G.R. ZAEHNER is still at All Souls, yes.

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P.W. I mean, he was in

G.R. Yes. And - he's a very great friend of mine now, and, any I am now quite sure that ~~any~~ suspicions I had about him were absolutely false and that he really is perfectly ...

P.W. He was very Left Wing, wasn't he, before the war?

G.R. No, no.

P.W. No?

G.R. No, no.

P.W. I thought he was?

G.R. No.

P.W. But, he's a Catholic, now, isn't he?

G.R. He's a Catholic now, yes. No - he never was Left Wing - he really wasn't interested in politics before the war and he's only sort of interested in politics now as a sort of but -

he's not a person who by nature is interested in politics and was, of course, extremely homosexual and is now a reformed character since he became a Catholic.

P.W. Was he a pal of GUY's?

G.R. No.

P.W. I presume that GUY - they knew one another although....

G.R. Oh - and, his brother in law, you see - with his sister - er - he didn't like GUY particularly, detested his brother in law, and, I would have thought, was very suspicious of him, actually -

P.W. Well, now, to MAURICE PLAYFAIR. *pre error for Eddie PLAYFAIR*

G.R. PLAYFAIR I simply suspect on the grounds that he was for a time a great friend of ANTHONY's and a great friend of GUY's. That was the only ground, I think, or, suspicion I ever had about him.

P.W. Did you meet him in their company so to speak?

G.R. Er - did I know him through GUY - or - I met him through going to Cambridge - no, through GUY only the sole reason why I ever saw him was through GUY, yes.

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P.W. Yes.

G.R. And, again, he was never particularly Left Wing -
and, again, now - I mean, if I were asked to ...

P.W. Ehm. Let's go back to the pre-war Oxford days.

Why do you think GUY picked on you?

G.R. It's only because - ehm- (pause).

Well, oddly enough, I hardly saw GUY for about-

Well, that was, of course - at Oxford when he left the

Communist party and there was a great row about it

and he became a sort of peculiar brand of Fascist on

his own - I hardly saw him again for quite a long time,

I should think, - I should say, for about four years,

I should think very likely - about 1933, I suppose,

until about - 1932 perhaps until 1936, something like

that - three years, anyhow, when I saw very little

of him. And - I met him one day by accident at

Paddington station and I had just written an article

which he professed to admire enormously - and - dimly

I have in my mind that he thought he saw in the article

a sign that one might be the kind of person that he

could make use of, that one ...

and, I suppose, you know, in quite a lot of ways, I was
a very suitable candidate so to speak, you know.I wasn't a Communist - I was fairly bright, knew a lot
of people - All Souls was a very good place really in
a way and

P.W. Ehm. You were pretty Left in those days?

G.R. Yes - certainly.

P.W. Who else in All Souls would you think GUY was interested
in? I mean, ZAEHNER, you mentioned once but, I mean,
he was obviously not so-G.R. Well, I never really could understand what sort of
thing, you know, GUY ever thought I could do for him
and what kind of information I could possibly have
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G.R. have/that would be of any value to an espionage organisation, and there's not much value in reporting what HALIFAX and DORSET said, after all, because, I mean, it was no secret, or, was it indeed of any particular interest. And - I think, he must have done it to me in a moment of admiration and, I think, he must have regretted it afterwards and decided that I wasn't really what he wanted - I'm almost sure of this, and then -

P.W. GUY had a number of other friends, didn't he, in All Souls~~s~~ as well, basically~~s~~ who were - ?

G.R. ISAIAH, I suppose? Yes, I think, ISAIAH was certainly a friend.

P.W. Because, he and ISAIAH went to America, didn't they, together at the beginning of the war?

G.R. Oh - they did, didn't they?

P.W. Yes.

G.R. Yes, they did, of course, they did~~s~~ - but, I think, they went entirely independently, because I'd thought they'd gone together, but, I think they went out on entirely different auspices - this is my impression.

P.W. What d'you think of ISAIAH?

G.R. Oh - ISAIAH? I've never, never for one single moment ever had the slightest suspicion of ISAIAH. No, he's absolutely, - so far as I'm concerned, I mean, it just doesn't come under consideration at all, he's - by temperament and in every other kind of way incapable of such a thing.

P.W. Can you remember any other of GUY's friends?

G.R. PHILBY, of course. MAURICE but not for very long. CHARLES SPARROW, again, ~~KNICKS~~ I think not for very long. HAROLD, of course, NICHOLSON.

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G.R. It's terribly difficult in all this to - it was really two absolutely different reasons why GUY was - one was homosexuality and one was the political side, and, very often, they coincided and then it's terribly difficult to disentangle them. In the case of HAROLD, for instance, I mean, it was on a purely homosexual basis and not a political basis at all.

P.W. Were there any other people at All Souls you can think of - because he used to go there quite a lot, didn't he?

G.R. Not very often, no. No, I should say very rarely. He came to stay with me once - he stayed with SPARROW once, I think - but, - er - and he once stayed with ISAIAH, I think - certainly not very often.

P.W. What did you think of KIM PHILBY?

G.R. Well, again, you see, one of these people in whom GUY used to express such enormous admiration which one could never really find the evidence for in the first instance. I/quite like him. His behaviour was really too much for me on the investigations I think - his behaviour when BLUNT was so absolutely ghastly that I couldn't really bear it - I never could understand the point - except GUY always used to assure me that he was absolutely - I got to like him - I met him a few times [redacted] I got to like him better then and then began to realise that perhaps he really was very able, but, I never saw it for myself and I never thought that he said anything that was particularly interesting.

P.W. Apart from GUY's interest in him, did you ever have any suspicion of him?

G.R. Apart from GUY's interest in him, no, no.

P.W. Did you know he had Left Wing views?

G.R. What?

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G.R. Oh yes - I knew he had them, certainly, because - ehm - well, he was a sort of convert of GUY's who met him when he was at Cambridge and where he was rather lonely, I think - he didn't have many friends and GUY made a great friend of him - made a great friend of him.

P.W. Did you meet DONALD? (MACLEAN)

G.R. Yes.

P.W. What did you think of him?

G.R. I couldn't bear him.

P.W. Yes - not surprised! (laughter).

G.R. I really couldn't bear him, and, I hardly knew him, actually, - I met him, first of all, not with GUY at all - down at Southampton - and, then, I really hardly ever saw him - and then, there was this extraordinary incident, which I really couldn't understand at all, because I - met him at a night club after the war and - er - with my wife and SOLLY ZUCKERMAN and his wife and DONALD was there and was very drunk indeed, and, he came up to our table and he came and said - 'I know all about you, you're one of the ones who ratted' - or, something ~~XXXX~~ of that sort, and, this absolutely staggered me. What - this you would consider would be a reference to the fact that you pulled out in 1939?

G.R. I presumed so, afterwards. At the time I couldn't understand it at all.

P.W. Did you ever have any suspicion of DONALD?

G.R. Ehm. Not really, because, he and GUY had really seen very little of each other, - all those years.

No, I thought - I didn't. I - I mean, I was absolutely astonished when I discovered that he had gone - he had gone at the same time as GUY. Indeed, apart from GUY mentioning to me - mentioning to me that he had shown

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G.R. shown/ this paper to DONALD, when he returned from Washington, I had no idea that he ~~ever~~ saw him at all.

P.W. So, it was really rather a surprise to you when you discovered that DONALD had gone with GUY?

G.R. I was astounded. I was very surprised indeed.

P.W. Well, I tell you this that
but, you were right about....

G.R. (slight laugh) Yes. Well, I was sure - I was quite sure I was.

P.W. You mentioned in passing just now that you were with SOLLY ZUCKERMAN - have you any views on him?

G.R. *X* Oh yes - I think he's entirely beyond suspicion - absolutely entirely. He simply is not the type, you know. And, you know, in those days I mentioned - I think one really could sort out by one's nose really the ones who really are the type and the ones who were not.

P.W. Going back to the days in 1951, after they'd gone, can you tell me why you delayed - it was in fact a matter of 10 days - before coming forward?

G.R. But I didn't!

P.W. You didn't?

G.R. I did not, I told DAVID.

P.W.

G.R. I took it for granted that if I told him, you see, he must tell GUY LIDDEL as Deputy Head of the Security Service! What puzzled me is why you hadn't - didn't ask me! But, you know, before it was even known he had disappeared one rings up somebody like FOOTMAN whom one knows is the greatest possible friend of GUY LIDDEL who is the Deputy Head of the Security Service and I tell them 'I think you ought to tell our friends across the way what has happened about GUY'.

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G.R. about GUY!/. Now, if there isn't a more direct way of telling them I can't think of one, and, since they did nothing I took it I was wrong and, you know, it was - er - I went to see them before it had been published and before we knew, in fact, that GUY had disappeared.

P.W. Yes.

G.R. So there really is absolutely no ground whatever for saying that I delayed 10 days before coming forward.

P.W. Well, the actual day you came to Leconfield House to see DICK WHITE was Wednesday June the 6th - they went on the 25th.

G.R. Yes.

P.W. When you saw -

G.R. Perhaps I might be allowed to answer the question? Can you answer me why they didn't ask me? - after I had given them this information? - and they took absolutely no steps at all for several days!

P.W. I think that at that time the policy was and, I think, it was the correct policy, was to wait for people to come forward.

G.R. Well, I had, in fact, come forward, you see. And, I must have been the very first person to come forward.

P.W. Well, just to clear this/bit further - ANTHONY came to see you after you'd 'phone him on the Monday, didn't he?

G.R. On the Monday.

P.W. At Sonning.

G.R. Yeah.

P.W. Did you at that stage say you were going to go to the Security Service?

G.R. I did.

P.W. And, what was ANTHONY's attitude about it - that you shouldn't?

G.R. That I shouldn't

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P.W. Yes. Did you telephone ANTHONY after you telephoned FOOTMAN?

G.R. (silence)

P.W. It's a long time ago, I know.

G.R. I know I telephoned almost incessantly - or, was telephoned by, almost incessantly, by HEWITT, - but, I must actually have spoken to ANTHONY, yes.

P.W. Ehm.

G.R. Yes, indeed - I can't be quite sure - but, I would have thought it was highly unlikely that I hadn't.

P.W. When you finally came to see DICK WHITE with ANTHONY, was ANTHONY still protesting at that stage?

G.R. No, and he knew what I was - I said I was going to do it, and, indeed, he tried to persuade me and he failed - he'd given up - . But, you know, you can't be right to assume, you know, that the powers must wait for people to come forward, because, it was they who asked me to go and see them!

Your immediate reaction when you began to get suspicious was to get into touch with DAVID FOOTMAN, having consulted ANTHONY, presumably?

G.R. No, I did this before I consulted ANTHONY.

Before you consulted ANTHONY - and, you urged upon DAVID FOOTMAN that he should pass this on to GUY LIDDEL?

G.R. Yes, or, somebody in M.I.5.

And then, after that, you got in touch with -

G.R. And then - well, I must have told ANTHONY that day, in fact, in order to ask him to come down to Sonning.

And you told ANTHONY what you'd done, then, or what?

G.R. Yes.

So, really, it wasn't a question of saying to ANTHONY -

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'look, I think we must do this thing' - and him arguing with you - because you'd already done it?

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G.R. Yes, - it's the thing - I had done this and I intended to tell them anything I knew.

I see, yes. The first thing that you'd done in speaking to DAVID FOOTMAN was merely to state baldly your suspicion that -

G.R. - to say that GUY was missing.

But, there was no question of saying then all that you knew?

G.R. No.

No.

G.R. No - there were things I wanted to try and find out, if possible, and I hoped that [redacted] would, in fact, have got in touch with me, and, I wasn't sure that I could have done something - I might even have gone over there, I don't know - therefore, - at least, I thought I couldn't - but, since they didn't, I took it for granted that

But, then, finally, when you were invited to come round to Leconfield House and say what you had to say, ANTHONY insisted on coming with you, or, voluntarily came along as well, or what?

G.R. I believed they asked us both to come at the same time.

So, you were both responding to separate invitations?

G.R. Yes, yes. It seemed to be a rather queer situation because, after all, GUY was so - ANTHONY was so deeply involved with M.I.5. that, I would have thought, that anything he knew they knew already, and, this, again, was rather a surprise to me for us both to go there together.

But, you know, ... - I was ... at that time - I - really hadn't seen very much of these people for about 5 years. During the war I saw very little of them - except, I knew ANTHONY had, you know, had a distinct career in M.I.5. and that he'd kept up some

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G.R. some/kind of connection afterwards - because - there was this frightfully odd incident - I was then, after the war, when I left the Spectator, I worked in an engineering firm and we'd had some contracts with the Russians and we were negotiating a contract for some ... plant and, we had a lot of Russians to see us, and, ~~one day~~, a gentleman turned up in our office and started interrogating the men in the drawing office and then the managers. So, finally, one of the managers spoke to me and said 'there's this curious creature here coming round interrogating the so, I've told my fellow director and he said 'have him in' and the gentleman came in and he said 'what are you doing' - and, he said, he was from the War Office, and he said- 'You've got absolutely no right to do this and' And, he said - 'well, as a matter of fact, I haven't' - Ehm - this turned out to be SKARDON, and, I mean, we were absolutely furious. And, so, I rang up ANTHONY and told him about it and said, really, to tell them not to be so stupid, so, he said 'all right, I'll get hold of GUY LIDDEL. And so, he got hold of GUY LIDDEL and I went and protested to GUY LIDDEL and, somehow, the speed with which he got hold of GUY LIDDEL convinced me of their close association.

P.W. Can you date that incident, roughly?

G.R. I should think it would be - er - about 1950.

P.W. What was the name of the engineering firm?

G.R. PONTIFEX.

P.W. PONTIFEX. Was there any other occasion when you had contact with ANTHONY, can you remember, in that period?

G.R. Well, yes, - the rather curious situation in which amongst these Russians who came to see us over this contract an engineer turned up who did, in fact, defect - and, I know ANTHONY talked to me about this and wanted

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G.R.

wanted/ me to know all about it.

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G.R.

Did you play a part in that defection?

Only in the sense that I told them everything I knew about him - I tried to get to know him a little better myself - there was really no....

This was BORODIN, was it?

G.R.

This was BORODIN, yes.

But, you didn't actually have a role in ~~the~~ engineering with it?

G.R.

No, no.

G.R.

P.W.

G.R.

G.R.

G.R.

Well - I'll tell you why - somebody called [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was involved

in this - he consulted me a great deal over this, but, otherwise, I had no - no, I had no part in it.

P.W.

And, ANTHONY came - did ANTHONY come and see you - or, how did it happen, do you remember?

G.R.

(Pause) I don't quite know.

I can't - as far as I can remember we simply - there simply must have arisen a conversation somewhere or other, but, he appeared to know all about it - if I remember rightly - but, I really can't - I can't remember precisely how.

P.W.

Were there any other occasions that ANTHONY -

G.R.

No, no.

P.W.

Did KIM ever display any interest in you?

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G.R. No, no.

P.W.

G.R.

P.W.

G.R. In 19 - 51, would it have been - and I became
estate's bursar of All Souls and I couldn't do the
two things.

May 1951.

G.R. Ehm - that would be it, I think.

And, that was the reason for it, was it?

G.R. Yes.

When you got this bursar job?

G.R. Yes.

In All Souls - you couldn't - if you -

G.R. Well, because I was also still a director of this
engineering firm and

Did the directorship of the engineering firm involve
you in travel in the Eastern block countries at all?

G.R. No. I didn't do any travelling at all.

(REEL being changed. G.R. made enquiries about SKARDON)

(Drinks poured)

P.W. Sorry to inflict this machine on you but it does
save a lot of note -taking.

G.R. You know, I suppose, that ^{manuscript} ~~note~~ which I gave to

P.W. Yes - and, I believe, you mentioned to
didn't you, quite recently.

G.R. Yes, I did, and I think a copy of it too.

(laughter)

I have looked at that again, and, I was going to tell
you that I cannot

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Did it not strike you as being a rather awkward coincidence when all the GUY BURGESS business blew up

G.R. Very - very much so.

It may have filled you with alarm and despondency, I should think?

G.R. No, I thought it might fill other people with alarm and despondency or fill ~~them~~ them with deep suspicion! Ehm - no - it didn't fill me with any kind of alarm and despondency because - ehm - I felt that apart from having a lot of sort of - very odd story to tell there was really nothing on my conscience, you know.

You hadn't got anything to worry about personally perhaps?

G.R. No.

That's how you felt?

G.R. Absolutely - except that I was - I did have the feeling and always have had the feeling that unless somehow I managed to say everything I had to say, in some form precisely like this - or other, one day, an awkward situation/- and an awkward situation will arise in which they'd say - 'you know a lot and you haven't told us'. Just what is happening now, in fact. So, I thought I'd better do it sooner.

P.W. Well, you see our difficulty, don't you -

G.R. May I say something again? Which was - that, after GUY had disappeared, and all the fuss had died down, I was again frightfully surprised that your Organisation didn't ask me again more thoroughly than they did at the time saying - 'isn't there really any more that you know' - but they never did, so - I had to go through this rather absurd public performance of doing it.

You mean that the reason behind the public performance was purely a feeling that you must tell-

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G.R. -Yes -

[redacted] -all that you knew?

G.R. I felt somehow that I ought.

[redacted] Why did you do it as a public performance instead of coming and knocking at our doors and saying 'you bloody fools why didn't you ask me this?'

G.R. Because I - I explained - I was profoundly suspicious of your Organisation at that time -

[redacted] What- of GUY LIDDEL and ANTHONY?

G.R. - with GUY LIDDEL and ANTHONY there! What was one to do!

P.W. You didn't know that by this stage both GUY LIDDEL and ANTHONY had gone?

G.R. I didn't.

P.W. Yes - they had. You've no ~~so~~ other reasons for being suspicious of our organisation, have you?

G.R. Ehm - no, no.

[redacted] Speak frankly.

P.W. Yes, don't hesitate.

G.R. Ehm - no, quite honestly, not.

[redacted] We're not witch-hunting so-

G.R. No, no -(laughs)

P.W. I mean, the purpose ~~XXXX~~ of this -G.R. Oh-I do know - I mean - this has crossed my mind but that DICK WHITE is not above suspicion ~~XXXX~~ there you are! (slight laugh)

P.W. So far as [redacted] is concerned, are there any names?-

and this is not witch-hunting -

G.R. No, no.

P.W. I mean, this is of vital National importance to know -

G.R. Oh no- I quite-

P.W. Are there any names you have the slightest suspicion of?

G.R. (pause) There is only one person, and, I really doubt whether I've got any basis for it, ~~XXXX~~ but, it is simply based on an odd-**TOP SECRET**

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G.R. I think she's in M.I.5. but I'm not sure.

Soon after GUY disappeared, perhaps, 6 months after, DAVID came down to see me - asked if he could come down for the day, Sunday, at Sonning and bring somebody with him, and we said, yes. And, he brought a rather odd lady with him, and -

Well, I met her again the other day at DAVID's - and, when he came down with her, I had a distinct feeling - at that time, I had a distinct feeling that I was in some kind of way under examination and that she had been brought down for the purpose.

Who was this lady?

G.R. I don't know her name.

.....

G.R. No... - rather attractive in a - quite attractive.

How old was she?

G.R. 35 or something like that?

And, was she 5ft 4 - or 2 ?

G.R. About 5 ft 4 - dark and thin face - thin body.

What colour hair at that time?

G.R. Dark hair.

Black or dark brown?

G.R. And, I think, she's been in Singapore - somewhere like that, since.

Since then?

G.R. Ehm.

How long since then?

G.R. I think for quite a long time.

Approximate years?

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G.R. I'm very vague about her. If you really want to know more about her I can ask my wife who's got a very much

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G.R. very much/ better memory than I have - and, my wife was profoundly suspicious of her.

P.W. Well, an interview with your wife on this would be welcome to us, I mean - quite seriously, you can rest assured that we're not going to spread it round the world.

G.R. No, I'm sure you won't.

P.W. And, if your wife can help us for goodness sake-

G.R. But, apart from this lady I really don't think-

P.W. Would you ask her?

G.R. What?

P.W. Would you ask your wife if she remembers?

G.R. Yes, surely I will - I will.

P.W. When you say that your wife was profoundly suspicious of her, you mean, suspicious of her motives towards you?

G.R. Yes, yes. Suspicious of her motives for coming, and, found it very odd DAVID bringing her for some reason or other.

It wouldn't have been merely because she was DAVID's girl friend, or, something like that?

G.R. I don't think so, for some reason, I felt quite sure it wasn't - we both felt quite sure it wasn't, and, indeed, we never saw ~~XXXX~~^{her} again, until quite recently we saw her again at a party of DAVID's.

And, that was a coincidence?

G.R. Yes.

(curtains being drawn)

P.W. DAVID never mentioned her before the..... ?

G.R. No. (pause)

P.W. Has DAVID ever discussed with you this problem of any direction of our society?

G.R. No, never.

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G.R.

I used to meet them at parties that DAVID gave but I
really didn't - I knew quite well -

I knew well - but there is practically
nobody else I don't think. Nor, indeed, did DAVID
really ever discuss anything with me

so, I knew very
little about the organisation or about the people in it.

Indeed, GUY knew far more about it than I did! (laughter)
During the war years you were out of touch, you say,
you were largely out of touch with GUY ...

P.W. Well, you were in the Army, weren't you, for a time?

G.R. I was in the Army, yes.

Engaged on intelligence work most of the time, weren't
you?

G.R. Er - no, because I was on the Planning Staff for
Over-Lords - and, at that time - since I was at St. PAUL'S
and living in London I saw a lot of GUY then, and, the
odd thing is that - er - it was the only time in my life,
I think, in which I really had information that could
have been of interest to GUY, because I was one of 6
people who actually did know all the plans for Over-Lords
At that time, did you think that GUY was working for
the other side - well, the 'other side' was the wrong
thing - he was working for our Allies! (laughter)

G.R. No I - no, I didn't, no, I didn't.

Even if you had - supposing you had thought that he
was working for the Russians as well as for ourselves
since we had a joint cause so to speak, would it have
worried you?

G.R. Yes, it would.

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Did he ever try to squeeze you for any information of-?

G.R. No, he didn't - in no kind of way.

Would you conclude from that that he must have ~~XXX~~ got
somebody else who was giving it to him instead - I mean,
at the time?

G.R. Ehm-

Not now I don't -

P.W. He presumably had got a fairly good idea of what you
were doing?

G.R. Oh - he knew I was working on the Planning Staff for the
Over-Lords, yes, but he never showed the slightest
interest in it, and this, somehow, made me think that
he was what he appeared to be - I mean, -

P.W. ... -

- run the straight course -

G.R. Yes.

Well, as straight as a course that -(laughter). -

I've never yet met a straight

G.R. Well, it's not possible.

Because you have to live a lie - I suppose it makes
it easier to live two lies if you have to live one.

G.R. Well, you can hardly say GUY lived a lie, you see,
because he never made the slightest

P.W. He was pretty overt.

G.R. Oh yes - he couldn't be more overt and, I mean, there
was no lie involved in GUY's life really at all.

No, that's true, he never made the slightest pretence -
in fact, he really rather paraded it.

G.R. Very much so - he couldn't have done it more.

P.W. Looking back on GUY now, how would you sum him up,?

G.R. I think he was a person who got himself involved in-
I think event caught up with GUY, on the whole, I doubt -

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you know a great deal more about it - but, I would have
said that - I've come to the conclusion that, you know,
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G.R. you know, / that he bolted as he did really out of personal friendship for DONALD MacLEAN. There was really no need for him to go.

Why do you say that?

G.R. I doubt very much whether he had - whether he had done any active work for the other side for a long time, that was my impression.

But - there must be some sort of reason for forming an impression. Why do you form this particular impression - you're not saying this out of loyalty to GUY?

G.R. because
No, no - oh- absolutely not - /there's no point in it, there wouldn't be any point in it!

There's often no point in things we do and say, perhaps there's no point in this impression either?

G.R. Possibly not.

It's just a feeling that you had?

G.R. Yes, yes.

I noticed with interest that in giving your reasons for pointing a finger at possible suspects in M.I.5.

one of the major governing factors in your formulation of opinion has been that GUY particularly praised the chap who was suspect, you know-

G.R. Yes, yes.

- and so on. I don't wish this to be taken rudely, but, he particularly praised you all of his time and -

G.R. Yes, I know!

- couldn't this lead -

G.R. What?

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Couldn't this lead to the same conclusion?

G.R. Well, (it has so to speak?) ✓ (laughter).

No, but seriously, ~~we~~ we find it terribly difficult knowing GUY, if I may speak quite frankly on this, without causing offence, I mean, we don't want to damage our relationship at this early stage, /it seems (laughter) /over

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it seems/ unreasonable to us who now know GUY's
activities in his past very well -

G.R. - you do?

- and much better than you can possibly imagine them
actually, we really do.

G.R. Yes - you really do?

P.W. I mean, there's been a tremendous amount of work been
put into this.

G.R. And then, there's really a great deal more than I know
or suspect?

P.W. Well, certainly than you've led us to believe.

G.R. Yes, ehm. (laughter)

We cannot imagine that between 1937 when he first
approached you and whenever it was that - I won't say
you decided to break off but he - thatto break off

G.R. That is -

Isn't on what you thought - that there were -
that he would

We cannot imagine that he never used you at all!

G.R. Yes, I can quite -

And, we want you to feel quite free and relaxed about
this and, for God's sake, do tell us.

P.W. And, however absurd it may seem to you, because he
used people in peculiar ways.

G.R. Yeah.

In ways which might not even appear to be espionage
in the story book sense, but it is interesting to us to
know, because - you're a bit of a jigsaw puzzle, your
story is a bit of a jigsaw puzzle, which is nearly
complete now, we would like to finish it.

G.R. Well, it is finished, as far as I'm concerned.

We can take the bits out and do it all over again
or give it to our children to do.

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G.R. No - ehm - I can quite see all your grounds for suspicion, but, there - I think what you have to remember is, one, that he was very fond of me, he became very fond of my wife and of my children, - secondly, that I never was and am not homosexual, and that does leave a kind of - even with a person who is a great friend of mine, as GUY was, who was profoundly homosexual - that leaves a kind of gap which puts you on a different level ~~XXXXXXXX~~ from most of his other friends who were nearly all - who had been or remained homosexual, apart from DAVID, as far as I know.

But, that doesn't alter the fact that however odd his life may have been and however great a gap might be caused by lack of this common perversion, that he was still a professional doing a job.

G.R. Yes. Well, I think - I should think - because, I think you're quite right that it is true that he gave me up rather than I gave him up - the thing simply lapsed and, I think, he thought he'd made a mistake. Well, did you really form up in 1939 and say - 'look, no more of this - no more of this nothing that we haven't done' ?

G.R. Yes, I did - I said I really wanted to have nothing more to do with it and I -

P.W. What did he say to you when you said that?

G.R. He said - 'very well' - I mean - 'that's your own business' - and that was never discussed again.

Can I - just to get the picture in my own mind, simple mind, I need pictures for this sort of thing - but, can you tell me - describe the circumstances in detail,

I mean, when did you form up, what were the circumstances what time of day was it, where was it?

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G.R. I thought I had - ehm - it was -

You probably have but I've forgotten.

G.R. I would have said it was about 11 o'clock at night
after we'd drunk a great deal of whisky - after we'd had
a long discussion about politics - in my flat - he
suddenly came out with the statement.

P.W. This was the initial approach?

Ah - this was the initial approach, yes, yes. I was
thinking of the breaking off - that's what I -G.R. The breaking off - ehm - well, the breaking off was
by me at the time of the Russo - German pact.But, tell me how you did it and where you did it? What he
said?G.R. In my flat - I said, you know - 'they're .. they're
provoking the war - they're the Germans,
and I really can't possibly have anything more to do
with you and I wish to have nothing more to do with
you and from your activities, and I hoped that you
will not either ' - we had a great row, and, he finally
said - 'well, if this is your opinion then I -' and the
discussion

What sort of a row was this?

G.R. Oh a row about - about the behaviour of the Russians,
and, you know, that they were simply ... - that they
were simply defending themselves andHow did he attempt to convince you that you shouldn't
break away?G.R. He didn't try very hard - he really didn't try very hard.

Was he angry?

G.R. He was upset - and, I think, he was upset - as I said,
I think, already, he'd come to the conclusion that he'd
made a mistake about me, I think, he thought I was, you
know, ^{or} ~~independable~~ all kinds of other things, or,
not serious - or, anything you like - or, that there was
no use to be made - but, there had been a mistake of hisTHIS IS A COPY
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G.R. of his/ initially to approach me and, therefore, wished to let it lapse. He was upset because I'd raised the problem at all and, I think, probably, quite a lot upset in the sense that he thought that I was-in some kind of way he'd left a hostage fortune somewhere which he was not quite sure that he could control.

I find it difficult to understand how he could have come to the conclusion after two years, as you say, of complete inactivity, as far as you were concerned, and that you were not the right kind of chap to have chosen, or, picked upon, because he hadn't really tested you? I mean, why should he have come to this conclusion?

G.R. Ehm - I think probably from - probably, I should think, from - from things I said in conversation with him, you see, as, for instance, that I was profoundly shocked by the flare ups in Moscow and we had violent quarrels about Trotskies and -

This was over a period of time?

G.R. Yes, yes.

On the various occasions that you met between '37 and '39?

G.R. Yes, yes. This was, you know, very often, indeed.

So, that, you had exhibited during the whole of that period -

G.R. Deviationist tendencies.

A deviation~~ist~~ tendency, yes, or even deviationist tendencies - a questioning air about things which you should have accepted without question?

G.R. Yes, yes.

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A critical air, and, yet, it was not he who said - all right, to hell with you, I don't want you any more! - it was you who said -

G.R. Yes.

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- / 'look, if you're thinking of using me, well, don't try'-whatever it was you did say?

G.R. Yes. GUY was a very subtle person.

Oh - I've no doubt, yes.

G.R. Sometimes he was the most extraordinary mixture, but, in some ways, he had a frightfully good idea of what people were like, and, I think, he must have come to the conclusion that I was the wrong sort of person, I'm sure of it.

But, he, having made the approach to you, I should have thought, would from time to time, at least, have discussed with you what sort of use you would be to the Comintern cause, even if he hadn't actually allocated specific tasks to you? Did he not even do that?

G.R. No. No.

Why should he be so unprofessional with you and so professional with everybody else?

G.R. What?

He was so professional with ^{any} anybody else.

G.R. He was?

Oh yes.

G.R. He was - he really was?

Oh yes, I'm sure.

And, they weren't all homosexuals.

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G.R. Ehm. Well he really wasn't professional with me - I mean, our - if you can call it, I mean, our espionage association was a kind - it was a kind of farce, in a way. That was the very thing that puzzled me very much - I mean, as you put it, it never really existed?

G.R. No.

Except that when he first asked you you said -'yes, yes, I'll go along with you'.

G.R. Yes.

In - perhaps, a fit of drunken enthusiasm, since you'd /over

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you'd/ both had a lot to drink?

G.R. Well, again, that wouldn't fit in with his being so professional - I think, perhaps, he was - ehm - I think he quite genuinely was very fond of me?

I'm sure he was fond of you, I'm not arguing about that.

G.R. I think he wanted - I think he thought he'd made a professional mistake and the best thing to do was to forget it and to have nothing to do with it.

Don't mistake me, I'm quite sure that the relationship between you was deeply affectionate, let's put it that way - although not homosexual - was deeply affectionate, he was very fond of you and you were very fond of him?

G.R. Very.

And, that he became very fond of your wife -

G.R. I think he made a mistake and, once more, he was right - he had made a mistake, you see. On the whole, if he was doing all the time what I always thought he had been doing, and, which he did extremely well in that case, he had made a mistake to enlist me and, I think, he saw the mistake - you see, I'm not a person to be dependent on in a way that you have to depend on in this kind of professional game, I am capable of having having a ghastly-

Like me - like PETER... (laughter)

G.R. And, again, I think probably because I was then involved with the Writers International and helped to organise the congress here and went to the congress

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in Paris, and, he may have come to the conclusion that - you know, writers are very un-dependable people - and, again, (missed out) what he wanted and, indeed, he may have been told so?

Did you ever meet any of his Russian contacts?

G.R. No.

He never introduced you to anybody?

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G.R. Not to anybody.

P.W. Did he ever talk about them to you?

G.R. I asked him.

[redacted] When did you ask him? How soon after your-

G.R. Sometime between 1937 - I should think about - er -
1938.

[redacted] As long as that afterwards? Not at the very beginning?

G.R. No.

[redacted] What prompted you to ask this?

G.R. Curiosity.

[redacted] If I had been in your shoes - ehm - and I'm not -
(laughter) - if I had been in your shoes in 1937 when
he said -will you work - 'I work for the Comintern' and
so on - I must admit I would have been a bit curious -
at the time I would have asked 'how do you do this' -
'who do you work to' - 'what do you mean, working for
the Comintern?'G.R. Oh - then he'd deliver a serious little talk by saying
'you mustn't ask questions'.

[redacted] Oh - you got a professional lecture? (laughter).

P.W. When you asked about the Russian contact that's what
you got, is it - or ?G.R. [redacted] Yes. No, he did say he met them - he said he
met a man in a cafe in - I've forgotten where - in any
case, it was not precisely described.[redacted] This is not the place that you were talking - that you
showed to SKARDON-?G.R. No. No, that was simply sort of [redacted] on his part
if it had any significance - it very much was pure
aberration.

[redacted] What - do you mean, when he told you about the cafe?

G.R. No, the one in the East End that he took us to dinner -
we went with him-to deliver something.

One red car, or, whatever it was called - some Chinese

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Chinese/ thing?

G.R. Yes.

I see. But, you said in 1958 or thereabouts, anyway, sometime, you asked him again about Russians?

G.R. No, how - in fact, how he did it was through whom he delivered it, presumably. He said-'I meet a man'- 'in a cafe'.

But, why do you think that he didn't give you a professional lecture at the end since he particularly mistrusted you anyway?

G.R. Ehm - I - I think - I really didn't want to know by that time, I was bored by the whole thing - I didn't think it had any reality - and, I wasn't at all sure that it wasn't all invention on his part, because, that was always possible.

Well, you really thought that - you gave that a serious consideration, did you, that it was invention?

G.R. Oh - certainly - a sort of fantasy - he had so many fantasies!

To what extent had you by that time met other friends of his and had discussed this particular thing?

G.R. I never discussed it with anybody except ANTHONY on this one occasion.

Except ANTHONY, nobody else?

G.R. Nobody.

P.W. And, your reason for discussing it with ANTHONY was that he'd said -?

G.R. He had said that ANTHONY was working for him - and, also, a professional lecture that I was never to discuss this matter with ANTHONY because it was a very bad thing and, - and, who knows, it may even be the fact that I had or did ask ANTHONY that he decided that I wasn't to be trusted - or-

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What d'you mean that because you asked ANTHONY,
ANTHONY will have told GUY, or something?

G.R. Yes, yes.

And GUY will have thought 'Christ, what have I done'?

G.R. Yes - 'here's a person who really doesn't obey - doesn't
do what he's told'. It never occurred to me before,
but -

It occurred to you now, did it?

G.R. Well, only since you told me that he was very professional
Oh I see, yes, yes.

P.W. Would you - how certain are you that ANTHONY was in it?

G.R. I think - er -

P.W. This is not to arrest ANTHONY, don't worry about that!

G.R. No - not if you're going to arrest ANTHONY! (laughter).
I think I'd say 99 per cent.

P.W. Ehm.

G.R. I think it would be inconceivable -

Well, let's call it 100 in that case (laughed)

G.R. No, because, one always has -

A lingering doubt somewhere?

G.R. It still does seem to me that - almost, you know -
very hard to believe that somebody like ANTHONY has -
did do this with such success in such a position - it
really is very odd indeed that the organisation was so
deeply penetrated.

But, you've got to remember that spies and intelligence
officers are terribly nice . . .

G.R. Not all! (laughter)

Some of them are - the good ones are! (laughter)

The best ones are - because they can't carry on for
long unless they are!

G.R. But - I think it's possibly true - I think it's possibly
true. No, I must say I've known a great many -

You've known a great many what -spies?

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G.R. What? - spies - a lot.

J.P. Oh - do tell us. (laughter)

- yes, I thought you were going to
say something -

G.R. No - well, and, as for GUY's friends, and - DELADIER's
Chef de Cabinet, I mean, that really was -

J.P. I'm trying to remember that man -

G.R. FYFER? - FYFER?

J.P. That's right.

G.R. KATZ.

P.W. What do you think about KATZ?

G.R. He must have been involved somewhere

J.P. Going back again to the war years - I was in the
middle of asking you something and we changed - I've
just remembered this, although, except for the time
when you were in London on the Over-Lord business and
you didn't have much contact with GUY, did you have
any contact with any others of his circle - people
that you'd met in the same circle and whom, since,
you thought might be suspicious?

G.R. Ehm -

J.P. In Germany, for example, as well as in Britain?

G.R. No -

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G.R. Through GUY.

P.W. Through GUY? This would be before the war?

G.R. Oh yes, yes - just after he'd - I suppose it must have been - I don't know when he started working for M.I.6 but I imagine it must be - it was before, because he came here from the Balkans - and, I used to meet him with GUY then quite often.

P.W. What d'you think of DAVID - I know he's a great friend of yours? What do you think of him, as a person - we've talked about him as a spy, but - how do you assess his ability and -

G.R. His ability is very high indeed - I think he's one of the ablest men I've ever known but something's gone profoundly wrong with his life and his abilities have never been properly used I don't think and, on the whole, I put it down to the first world war I think - I think he had a bad time. He's a very unhappy man, I think - but, I think he has very great ability - out of all that lot I think he's the ablest of all. He's very ...

What impressions did you get of GUY's activities? - in the, again, the pre-war years after he had made his approach to you and you met him from time to time? What sort of impressions did you get of his activities from your conversations with him - did he ever reveal anything which seems to you in retrospect to appear interesting from the point of view of subsequent events after the war?

G.R. Ehm. Oh - you know, only like these odd incidents when one suddenly found that his cupboard was stuffed with notes - it always puzzled me - and always ... that he always had so much money - he always had far more money than he needed.

It puzzled you, then?

G.R. Yes, it did.

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He always had far too much money and yet he was always broke? - in a manner of speaking.

G.R. He never was broke.

Never was.

G.R. No.

He was never hard pushed to find a -

G.R. Never - never in debt.

Well, never in debt, that's a different thing but - you know - when faced with some sort of crisis ~~XXXX~~ requiring ~~XXXXXXXX~~ £500?

G.R. He never had one - never had such a thing.

It was extraordinary - ~~XXXXXX~~ only the sort of - absolutely shapeless and untidy way, he was frightfully meticulous about it, I think.

P.W. Do you think your wife would have any recollections of GUY - things that would lead to - is it worth asking her?

G.R. She might, indeed - I mean, she has a very much better memory than I have - ehm - you know this absurd trip when we went down to the East End when....

P.W. Yes ehm -

G.R. And, it was she who remembered that and I had totally and completely forgotten it.

P.W. Would you ask her if she's got any memories?

G.R. Yes, if you like.

P.W. I mean, you see, from our point of view that any indications are important.

G.R. Yes - I (but I doubt if she would really know much more?) but I should think it is worth while talking to her.

Did you ever know him yourself, GUY?

P.W. No.

G.R. You never met him?

That must be maddening.

P.W. I met KIM.

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G.R. Ehm.

P.W. I know ANTHONY.

G.R. D'you know ANTHONY?

P.W. Yes. I knew GUY LIDDEL, of course.

G.R. I think GUY LIDDEL

P.W. Ehm.

G.R. What's the name of that man though who, I think, really had a frightfully ~~important~~ important - played the frightfully important part in all this and originally ~~now~~ you must know - and he did work [redacted] during the war - and, again, was engaged on the TITO affairs. You're not thinking of KLUGMAN, are you?

G.R. Yes, I am.

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G.R. I'm sure that - again, this may have been or not - off you probably know - but, I think that he started it. ~~xxx~~

What - started the whole blinking thing? -

G.R. The whole thing.

and, he even began GUY ?

G.R. Yes.

He was behind the initial recruiting excercise.

P.W. There's a very interesting book on all this - you might like to read it, if you haven't read it, have you read NEIL WOOD on Communism and the British intellectual?

G.R. No, I haven't read it.

P.W. The man - NEIL WOOD - is an American.

G.R. It came out what - about a year or two years ago?

P.W. About two years ago.

G.R. Is it good?

P.W. I think basically good, yes.

G.R. Yes, I always find books about Communism and the intellectual are usually written by people who know quite a lot about Communism and very little about intellectuals - real intellectuals.

P.W. Yes - I think that's probably true, but the story of this book is that he was an American I think at Oxford and he wrote this as ~~xx~~ a thesis, and then, somebody said why don't you publish it.

G.R. I see. Well, I'll read that. But, the best book is of course WHITTAKER CHAMBERS - far the best book because he was a real intellectual of very high calibre. I liked your review of it actually - jolly good I thought it was.

P.W. Yes, it was a jolly good review, yes, I agree with you - (laughter) I agree with all the assessments that you made

Well, it is an absolutely fascinating story

G.R. Oh an absolutely ~~xxxxxx~~ fascinating story, yes.

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One of the few really accurate portrayals of how the whole thing works. I think it's the only one - the only comprehensive one -

G.R. The only one really - it goes into all the details - So many of these things are written by hack-journalists who don't know what they're talking about.

G.R. The only other very good one I think is ARTHUR KOESTLER's ^{KOESTLER} auto biography. Ehm.

P.W. Why do you think GUY did this business of praising people to the heights - do you think he -

G.R. He knew that people were - that flattery was irresistible and he did it to their faces in the most - and to me, indeed - in the most sort of outrageous way and he knew you could not lay it on too ~~think~~ - and, what's more, that by praising one to another it would go back to each other and they would somehow mutually respect each other.

P.W. Yes.

Perhaps he did it well?

G.R. Frightfully well. But, only somebody who really had a very deep knowledge of human nature would know that it would work, because most people would say - 'no, people won't take this' - but they would take any amount. stemmed It probably ~~XXXXXX~~ from two things - one was that - this realisation that people will take as much as you can give them -

G.R. (Even though as a test?)

Ehm. - they'll take it. But, the other thing was, possibly, that he was looking for something in return all the time?

G.R. Yes, oh - certainly, yes, he was always looking for -

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You wouldn't have described him as being a happy man, at all?

G.R. Who - GUY?

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Gay - possibly?

G.R. In some ways he was frightfully happy - in some ways he was frightfully happy.

In what way?

G.R. Are you interested in his personal character?

P.W. Yes, very much, yes, - talk.

Fascinated!

G.R. You know - just now you said - I said how I often perhaps the thought/~~know~~ the whole thing was pure fantasy.

He once told me - talked about the most terrible thing that ever happened in his life - his father was a Naval officer - that he died of a heart attack while in the act of having intercourse with his mother and that he went in. Now, do you think that's fantasy or is it true?

Well, the first half could be true and the second half might be fantasy.

G.R. Or the whole thing might be fantasy?

What else?

G.R. Well, that was simply, I mean - you see, I can't make up my mind whether it's fantasy or whether it's true - something must have happened to make him feel fantasy - something happened to make him have it. He was terribly fond of his mother - absolutely devoted to her.

P.W. Did he ever write to you after he went?

G.R. Yes. Well, he sent/a message through his mother - me HAROLD he sent/a message through ~~me~~ - and, indeed, sent me a letter - oh - not long before he died through HAROLD asking to write.

P.W. Did you ever write to him?

G.R. No, I never did.

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What were the messages like?

G.R. Affectionate, affectionate

Did you ever get any reaction from him as the result
of the articles you published?

G.R. No, none at all.

One could hardly imagine that they would have served
to increase his affection! Don't you think?

G.R. I wouldn't have thought so, but then, he was such
a very odd person ~~xxx~~ - and he really was frightfully
intelligent - terribly intelligent, I mean, nobody
would ever believe me when I - but he was very
intelligent.

Well, we don't disbelieve it! (laughter)

G.R. You don't?

P.W. No.

G.R. You think he was very intelligent?

Yes - certainly, certainly.

G.R. I mean, you don't

We do, or don't - which?

G.R. You do think it?

We do.

G.R. You do. Well - I'm very glad.

P.W. Would you think he was the sort of person who believed
in it right to the end?

G.R. I should think - very likely he didn't by the end.

I wouldn't know - but, I - I should think - you see,
he hated abroad, he hated foreigners. He was one of
the most patriotic British - Englishmen you could
possibly find. I mean, he really did like England
better than anywhere else in the world. He liked the

English people better - the English customs - the
English ways - he really did. Well, ~~xxx~~ not at all
like the ordinary Left Wing intellectual, you see.

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P.W. Ehm.

G.R. I mean, he despised the books they wrote.

You mean, he was a loyal and patriotic Briton who would have liked to have seen Britain become part of the Comintern?

G.R. No, he never thought much about ^{the} Comintern and, I think, when he told me he was an agent of the Comintern he was an agent of some of the other organisations - but the Comintern was not at all the kind of thing that he was keen on.

Well, what could he have been then?

G.R. Could he have been an agent of - you know, a military organisation - the military part of the - what's it called?

You mean, some part of the Russian Intelligence Service?

G.R. Yes, yes I would think - I think he was a Russian agent and not a Comintern agent. And, I think, again, that he told me he was a Comintern agent, because he knew that would appeal to me whereas the idea of being a Russian agent would not.

Would not?

G.R. How do you reconcile your belief that he was a very patriotic Englishman, with your belief on the other hand that he was working for the Russians?

G.R. Ah - that was not difficult to work out at all -
I mean, the thought that England was being ruined -

Quite. (laughter) (talking together)

G.R. No - I mean, a certain amount of justification, I mean, - that England was being ruined - he found it the greatest country in the world really - I mean, he was really an absurd in a lot of ways.

And, you see - the one thing that really upset him
you see was our giving independence to India, and
he thought this (was) absolutely disgraceful

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G.R. disgraceful/-disallowed responsibility and English people being murdered and -

So, for once, he was on WINSTON CHURCHILL's side, was he?

G.R. Ah - he was I mean, it was perfectly obvious, he was absolutely on CHURCHILL's side.

I mean, that's the thing he was proudest of was this volume that he'd got which CHURCHILL had signed for him and he would display it on every occasion in an almost pathetic way.

But, now, were you surprised about KIM?

P.W. Not basically, no.

G.R. Well I - I await always for another!

P.W. Well, the important thing is to try and find out who they are.

G.R. Well, you think you still haven't found out? - I mean, you told me some people confessed, but, I mean -

P.W. I'm sure - I'm sure we -

G.R. - the point is, I haven't - but, I can't, I mean.

P.W. Well, put it like this. In the 1930-ties this country went through a period which I don't think anybody will ever look back on with any degree of pride or pleasure, or, anything else - it was a disgraceful period - from every point of view, I mean, politically - from our point of view, from -

G.R. It was oddly enough a very enjoyable period.

P.W. Oh - very enjoyable, I lived through it too, ehm -

So did I, I hasten to say.

G.R. It was oddly enjoyable, you see, this was one of the odd things about it.

P.W. But it was a very bad period.

G.R. Oh - terrible, absolutely.

P.W. Now, this-I can understand how people like GUY and KIM for that matter - and, you, well - for the want of a better word - fell for it - fell for the line.

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P.W. line./ Well, now-

G.R. There must have been more, is this what you mean?

P.W. Yes. Now, you can't introduce - well, the first thing to say is that if you have highly intelligent people - educated people that have been brought into this thing you've got an entirely different problem to the the ordinary sort of person

G.R. Ehm.

P.W. You see what I mean, because, these sort of people are going to be very much more difficult to detect.

G.R. Er - if they've survived so long, very hard, because on the whole the more intelligent the people the less suited they are for this kind of work. But, if you do find the ones that are then they're very difficult to detect indeed.

P.W. Well, if I put it to you straight - it was only a bit of luck we got on to DONALD.

G.R. Ehm.

P.W. DONALD would certainly have had an ^{high} eye job today.

G.R. Oh - undoubtedly.

P.W. And, probably have got to being P.U.S. in the F.O.

G.R. Yes.

P.W. If he'd been able to control his drinking which he probably would have done as he got a bit older.

G.R. Ehm. Oh yes - it would have been the greatest ~~KNOX~~ coup that had ever been - I mean, they'd have got te-

P.W. And, KIM PHILBY would probably have been, if not C. - deputy C.

G.R. Yes, he would - certainly.

P.W. He was - well, - what about the ones we haven't found?

G.R. Yes.

These were vintage years for recruiting - there weren't any years like it.

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P.W. And, you've got to remember that from now on anybody who's ~~left~~ for the next 5 to 10 years are in the real positions.

G.R. Yes, certainly, if they have survived, you mean?

P.W. Yes.

G.R. That is so?

P.W. So, you can see our problem.

G.R. I do, indeed.

P.W. This is why we make these outrageous accusations to you and everybody else to try and get you to spill every bean you've got!

G.R. I have, you see. I think I really have, unless- I'm always - I'm prepared to believe - A. that I ~~might~~ have forgotten things - B. that things may have happened which I'd thought had no significance and the only way

P.W. The most important thing to get out of you is whether you were used either consciously or unconsciously for talent spotting?

G.R. No - never.

P.W. Were you ever asked your opinion about anybody - not from the point of view whether they would make good spies - ? but what they were like?

G.R. No, no. - I must have been asked that, yes, I must have been asked that!

P.W. You must have discussed people?

G.R. Oh - indeed, indeed - over and over again.

Just in the way that we're discussing people now.

G.R. No - / I see what you mean? I see what you mean. Ehm.

P.W. GUY could have regarded you as a very valuable person from the point of view of knowing the -

G.R. I don't think GUY had a very high regard for my judgement on the whole - he thought ... that I was naive. I don't think that he would have used me for that - except as an education - that is possible./over

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P.W. Well, can you give me -

G.R. Let me try and think now if there is anybody he actually did -

P.W. I mean, it doesn't matter where they are today?

G.R. No, no.

P.W. Put it like this - if you took a list of All Souls, say, in '38 - think of the people in All Souls - did you ever discuss their personal politics or whatever- any attribute of them at all that -

G.R. I must have done this but again I would say it was true that he was remarkably uninterested in them.

[REDACTED] Can you think of any names at all not necessarily in All Souls possibly somewhere else - the House, or - people whom he pinpointed and asked you about?

G.R. Well, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ you see, there was one fellow of All Souls for instance who one would have thought he would have been interested in, indeed, for all kinds of reasons - that was CHRISTOPHER HILL - but, he never was at all. But, that, I think, very likely is because CHRISTOPHER was a Communist, I mean, straightforward plain Communist and -

P.W. Too overt?

G.R. Yes.

P.W. I think - I mean, who were the political animals?

G.R. Well, I think, they were pretty - they weren't his meat, you know, I mean, there were people like DOUGLAS JAY and HUGH GAITSKELL, CROSSMAN and- GUY, I think, would know that his kind of affection there wouldn't work out and it would have to be given to somebody else to work on if there was any hope, I mean - I think he would know that his - they would have despised him, you see.

P.W. Yes. Well, all right, put it another way. Who were the people who wouldn't despise him. I mean, you had a good admiration - a ~~high~~ admiration for him? /over

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G.R. Oh - I had a great admiration for him - ISAIAH didn't despise him, but then, ISAIAH is impregnable on these matters because he's too clever for him, he really is too clever, and, ISAIAH - GUY would know this - ehm - strangely enough Cambridge was a better hunting ground than Oxford which was very odd - perhaps they were more serious at Cambridge.

I think, possibly, that one also ought to say- people...
G.R. It is very odd that in all thisit was Cambridge/

Well, I also ought to say though that the Russian Intelligence Service generalise and do everything in one lump is not the sort of service to fail to exploit all possible opportunities for finding out about people with a view to recruiting - and if they were doing so well in Cambridge one can take it that at least they would try -

G.R. They must have tried, they must have tried-ehm -

P.W. And, you see, the basis of their methods -

G.R. Well, you see, if you want to -

P.W. They wouldn't necessarily use GUY to do the recruiting?

G.R. No, no - they would look for a sort of comparable character to GUY or - that one might observe at Oxford at the time and you come across a figure like PHILIP TOYNBE. Well, you only have to think of it for a moment to see that he is not.

P.W. No, quite.

G.R. You've got to have this serious puritanical purpose behind it all for and to be their meat and I don't think Oxford breeds that.

It's an odd mixture actually of puritanism and dissolution, isn't it?

G.R. Yes. Ehm.

And, you would say that Oxford was less dissolute?

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G.R. In a curious way, yes. Not so much led astray by their seriousness of purpose - I mean, they really have got enough sense, I think, to doubt the real seriousness of purpose, you know, and, in my time-

P.W. I would agree with you about that, but I still think there were one or two people -

G.R. There must have been - they must be somewhere - in the Civil Service around somewhere.

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R. Again you see it just doesn't work - you remember the seven dwarfs ? Take the seven dwarfs, you see ZAENHER, I think out of the question, Bill DEAKIN absolutely out of the question. Christopher and - out of the question too - mm - Freddie AYR out of the question too. John AUSTIN, - (mumble). Andin, you know - often when one simply judges it on temperament it never had the slightest kind of whiff or connection with Guy BURGESS and they are all people who are temperamentally averse to people like Guy -

W. Lets leave All Souls for the moment - is there anywhere else that you haven't mentioned and think you ought - I mean I am putting it to you - completely far-fetched now -

R. No, I have not, no, I have not, indeed, apart from this particular group of people its not on the whole a thing I think about - and the only reason I think about this lot is that they affected my life so - otherwise not a thing I would normally speculate or think about and my contribution could be no more valuable than if you called in a man out of the street.

W. What is - what is your view about the threat of this business - I mean - do you feel that the penetration of our society by the Russians, by this means, is a serious thing or not ?

R. I would say now, no - they have thrown away so much and - ehm - the young are not responsive to it any more - I am sure of this. It's much, much harder now for them to recruit this kind of people.

W. Well, I would have said so 10 years ago, but I would argue with you today -

R. Would you ?

W. I think that with the affluent society today - for want of a better word which I dislike - its leading a number of young people to look for something to believe in - the first thing that you've got to believe in - if you are going to get involved in this, is some form of Marxism isn't ?

R. Yes, certainly - they rarely do you know -

W. I am not as convinced as you are on this - my family ranges from 18 to 25 in age and I see a lot of - you know - University -

R. You see, mine range from 23 to 10 - I would have thought they were impervious to this line -

P. How do mine stand ? They range from 14 to 10 -

R. But you know - Marxism has been so intellectually de-graded by now - it really is frightfully hard to -

W. But you don't think that the freeing and developing of things in Russia is having an effect on them ?

R. No, it makes them think its just like here - but on that, but on that - your guess is as good as mine -

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P. The Russians are achieving things now which appeal to youth, like yesterday's business. . . .

R. You think it does (?) - I doubt it very much (all speaking together about youth, patriotism and so on). The only really great difficulty is that they have nothing to rebel against any more - you see - this gang (i.e. the BURGESS gang) - they did have something to rebel against - it was very definitely there - it was there, and they wanted to destroy it - instead of it being destroyed, it simply faded away - now they have nothing to rebel against - they indulge in very meaningless behaviour - in that sense they are terribly different from this lot -

W. To come back to more mundane things, when you went to Paris with Guy, did he involve you in any way ?

R. No, he went to Passy and we had a drink in a café and he went off to see PFEIFFER and I stayed there and became back about an hour and a half later and er - I presume he was in fact also working for

W. I don't quite honestly know - I couldn't tell you without looking up the records -

R. You remember that he tried to bring a libel action against me ?

W. He did, didn't he ? Why did you choose "The People" to publish your articles ?

R. Because my agent chose it - I don't think anybody else would have - because er - on the whole - they're the kind of papers often controlled by these kind of people - there is the most extraordinary kind of esprit de corps you see which -

W. Do you regret now having published the articles ?

R. Indeed I don't - you know if I hadn't and I now faced people like you - I would find it extremely embarrassing -

W. Why ?

R. I don't like confession unless its a voluntary one - wouldn't like to have to confess to you -

P. Even though it is voluntary ?

R. Ehm ?

P. Even though it is voluntary - I mean this is a -

R. Ehm - you know if you want to confess you want to promote your own occasion for it - not have to for it.

P. You should choose your time ?

R. Yes.

W. What are your views about loyalties - do you consider that loyalty to friends is more important than loyalties to your country ?

R. I - think it depends entirely on the circumstances - it depends entirely on what your country -

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W. Entirely a hypothetical -

R. Surely -

W. Do you - supposing Donald had gone by himself

R. Ehm ?

W. Would you have kept quiet ?

R. If Donald had gone by himself I would have known it -

W. No - supposing Donald had gone by himself and then there was a hoo ha in the press and everything else about the dangers of Russian espionage and you knowing what Guy had done to you - would you keep quiet about that - protect Guy ? Do you see my point ?

R. Ehm - one - you know you can't do things like this without having some kind of plausibility and evidence for the story - and - I think - no - I mean if - ehm - if Donald had gone by himself and nothing else I would have said - well you know - any suspicions you may have about Guy about this incident, about Guy - you can really remove from your mind - because after all - they had Guy LYDDEL, David FOOTMAN, Anthony - their feet in our Security Services.

W. No alright - lets put it another way - sorry - I'll call you Goronwy if I may - sorry, but I want to, I want to satisfy it in my own mind - if Donald had gone by himself it would have been a hell of an inquest, which anyway there was. Now the obvious thing would have come out - of that - which must be apparent to you or anybody - would be that Guy clicked, that we would look where people knew about the Donald affair - do you see what I mean ?

R. Yep.

W. Now one of the places it was known about was Washington and Donald going by himself would still have pointed a finger firstly at Kim and then at Guy - you see what I mean ?

R. Yes, but I find it very very hard to make any headway at all.

W. Supposing we'd come to you - because we would have you see found out (all speaking together) if we'd come to you - er er - you see we want to judge your motives -

R. Oh certainly I would have told you.

W. We said look' now - what do you know of - - you were left-wing before the War, did Guy ever make an approach to you - what do you know about Guy -

R. Yes, yes I would

W. There is no doubt whatsoever ?

R. Absolutely no doubt at all, absolutely none -

W. You wouldn't have tried to protect Guy ? A lot of people would -

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R. Oh, I know they would but I wouldn't in fact (mumble) saved Guy. Well, you know its a country and all that .

W. Why ?

R. I mean - (laughter) - the country consists of one's friends on the whole

W. And if one of the - mm - is a wrongun you've got to do something about it - how much do you value the English way of life, or the Welsh way of life -

R. I don't value the Welsh way of life - I value the English way of life very much indeed, its far the nicest country to live in today - no doubt about that - and they're the nicest people - I say this because I am not an Englishman - I think this is true - I think they are a sad unhappy people at the moment some of them -

W. Yes, its all muddled up at the moment and -

R. There is something desperately wrong but, but I have no, you know great sympathy with these people - I really don't like having secrets, I am almost incapable of keeping them, and I really don't like having them - but as I thought you were saying if Donald had gone would I have volunteered the information about Guy - put my hand up and said look I know about Guy - I certainly wouldn't have done that but if somebody had come and asked me - I would have thought that by even asking me meant there was some kind of prima facie truth in my suspicions about him and if this wasn't told - it wasn't simply (?) I would certainly have surfaced.

P. In other words, if someone hadn't come and asked you about it, you would have considered it to have been no more than malicious gossip ?

R. Yes, yes I would and I think rightly.

P. This is because you - were -

R. Of course you find difficulty in believing this story -

P. To believe which story ?

R. My story.

P. No, I don't find it difficult.

R. You certainly -

P. I don't find it difficult to believe the story, I just find it difficult to believe that it could be the story.

W. You know, one tends in this business, that we're in, because we're had for suckers so often, and because er some of the most convincing liars one meets are some of the nicest people and on the whole, we like best, one tends to be awfully sceptical of a story, particularly when you can see an alternative explanation - you see and er - that is something one -

R. No, what I mean is - you see - I find it difficult to believe myself you see.

W. You look at it from our point of view.

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R. From your point of view it must look very odd indeed and what's more I have known perfectly well all this time that you really didn't believe me - and I have no doubt that you still don't.

W. Well, on that question we must remain silent at the moment - you see the only way you can resolve these two stories is an assessment - an overall assessment of character and motives and how people behave, and this is why - you may well realise - the childish questions we are asking you - ehm - by telling you of course -eh - I am giving the game away but our problem is trying to assess whether to believe your story - I mean you know, I'll be blunt with you about this, its a good thing to be blunt, our problem is to assess you as to whether you are having us on or not. That's the trouble (laughter)

R. I see the problem - one after your own heart I'm sure.

W. You see - I'll put it to you like this and don't - don't take offence at this - indeed - an alternative version of this thing - is that you were recruited by Guy in 1937 that - ehm - in actual fact - ehm - you went on all the way through 1951 that the story about everything breaking up in 1939 was deliberately done by Guy and put around - I mean this is not - ehm - we have heard this story from other sources than you , now . . .

R. But it emanated from me originally . . .

W. That this was put . . .

R. Do you really try . . . have you really applied scientific research methods to this - have you really looked at the sources?

W. Well, I can't discuss with you at all . . .

R. No, I don't want to know what the sources were - I mean have you really actually found where (both speaking together)

W. There are alternative sources of course

R. I'm sure there are alternative sources

P. You are suggesting that you were the original source for the alternatives ?

R. Have you found one whom you know got it from Guy and not from me?

W. Yes.

R. You're sure ?

W. Yes, absolutely certain.

R. That is very interesting (both speaking together)

W. I am telling you that deliberately - you see the point - and you must believe me this time - I can't tell you who it is - ehm er - now ehm - the purpose of this and we know this has happened in other circumstances, was that Guy got orders that you and Anthony - that he knew you and Anthony knew one another - got orders to split up.

R. Yes, ehmm.

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W. And this is the obvious way of splitting it up - you see what I mean ?

R. Yes absolutely.

W. In other words - er - to put about the story and that you went on -

R. A very good story - well not a bad one.

W. We then looked at the sort of things that you had access to . . .

R. (unitelligible)

W. And it all looks pretty nasty and then when - I know you have got a perfectly rational explanation for it but - mm - and just I know that this happens to be just before but that doesn't alter the fact that certain people in this galère knew about the thing

R. Yep.

W. Er - you see I'm putting our story the way you can analyse this - now - mm - and this is the usual sort of dilemma one gets in - well now the only way we can really assess this is to go into your motives down the years - you see what I mean - because there's obviously no facts unless somebody walks out - somebody comes along who knows something - I mean if you are a spy . . .

R. The important thing from your point of view is that there are no more facts ! You see, it is very odd to be in this position with somebody who really knows. The one thing I do know about is myself - definitely.

W. Obviously you do - I know I'm not a spy too (laughter) - but you see from the purely intellectual point of view . . .

R. Yes, I see - I'm here merely in order to resolve somebody's intellectual dilemma - you know since you are wasting your time - how can I do it - I mean its like having - being a psychiatrist - who somebody comes to with a problem - how can I release you from this - awful waste of time - but I quite see that you have to go into this seriously and thoroughly , if I can help you I would be delighted.

W. Well, I must say it has been very useful so far - I mean I am a great believer in meeting people - I am very interested in people - and as a result one gains impressions -

R. You know if it really is to try - which from my point of view I'd like to - ehm - and secondly ehm - intention to stop wasting any more time and labour on what really is a false claim - I think you should meet my wife.

W. Well, I'd very much like to do that if - would she mind us -

R. Not at all - absolutely - not at all.

W. Where would you like to do this ?

R. Come round to us one night -

W. Goronwy was suggesting that we should meet his wife . . .

R. And I will leave you alone with her.

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W. I would like you to be there part of the time too.

R. No because - mm - no it would be better if I left you alone and - mm -

W. Well, if she's going to do it.

R. Oh yes, she's perfectly game - this has caused me a great deal of distress one way and another.

W. I'm not trying to increase your distress - don't -

R. No, I know that - you do of course - and I mean, it wouldn't matter to you if you did. Nor should it (all speaking together). I dislike people wasting their time.

W. Did you - other than your wife - ever tell anybody about Guy's proposal to you ?

R. Yes, I did - I told Rosamund LEHMANN.

W. Rosamund LEHMANN - what did she say ?

R. I didn't know . .

W. What did she say to you - to the fact -

R. Ah, took it for granted - she didn't like it - and also was inclined to believe it was all nonsense and what's more, I was talking nonsense too. (laughter)

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I/C for REES from PETER WRIGHT.
 WRIGHT asked REES to come to 41, SOUTH AUDLEY STREET,
 on FRIDAY. This was a series of flats, and REES should
 come to number 2, if he - WRIGHT - did not come down to
 the door. REES should ring the outside bell.
 16.33.

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MARGY rang the Exchange to ask for the usual Alarm Call
 in the morning.
 While waiting to be connected, REES could be heard in
 the background, to mention M.I.5. MARGY replied:
 'I can't think what it can be.'
 23.39.

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~~Summary of Case and Requirements~~
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Subject or Associated Subjects of Observation

CODE WORDS. Originating Section
to allot code for each subject. Each
code to comprise two words, neither
being a colour, personal name, nor
place name. Consult **A.4** and check
with **R.5**, before allotting.

Name (1) Morgan Goronwy REES	PF. 604583	Code Late Arrival
Name (2)	PF.	Code <i>Note 1</i> <i>61 Cheshire</i> <i>Index</i>
Personal Description	(1) See photograph attached said to be a good likeness except that hair is now greying.	(2)
Home address	18c, Prince of Wales Terrace, W.8.	
Business address		
Index No. and description of car(s) likely to be used		

Summary of Case and Requirements**(a) Situation**

General background.
Pattern of behaviour.
Travelling habits.
Business and domestic
life.
Expected nature of
activity or movements.
Sensitivity.

(b) Mission

Aim of operation.
Special requirements for
observation.

(c) Execution

Type of vehicles.
Timings.
Detention (COWBOY).
Technical support.

(d) Communications

Wireless.
Frequencies.

1. REES is coming to be interviewed at 41 South Audley Street, Flat No. 3, at 1600 hrs on Friday, 19th March, 1965. It is not known what time the interview will end, but it is desired that his movements on Friday evening after the interview, and throughout Saturday, 20th March, should be covered.
2. No risks should be taken which might conceivably alert REES, who could well be sensitive to surveillance.
3. In the unlikely event of REES showing any signs of leaving the country, the Case Officer should be informed at once.

Case accepted
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O/G REES to WHI 9400 Ext: 393 - MR. WRIGHT.
 REES gave his name. WRIGHT asked if they could meet.
 REES replied: 'Yes, surely.' WRIGHT said that would be
 very nice. He asked when would suit REES?
 REES said: 'Well, almost any time, really.'
 FRIDAY was suggested. REES agreed. WRIGHT asked for
 his phone number. He would ring saying where REES was to
 come. He wanted to get a private room somewhere where
 it was comfortable, and have a good talk.
 REES gave this number. WRIGHT asked if after lunch would
 suit. REES said that would be best for him, he would
 rather like it as late as possible after lunch.
 An appointment was made for 16.00 on FRIDAY. WRIGHT
 was to ring and let REES know exactly where it would be.
 He was to ring sometime to-morrow, and leave a message
 with REES' wife, if he was not in.
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Ministry of Defence,
Room 055,
Old War Office Building,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Gen/D.3/PMW
(PF.604,583)

16th March, 1965.

Dear Mr. Rees,

Some years ago you were good enough to give a number of interviews to my colleague Skardon, among others, during which many interesting matters were discussed.

I would appreciate an opportunity to continue these discussions in the near future, and would therefore be grateful if you could telephone me between 10.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. at the extension given above, on any day except Saturday or Sunday, to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) P. M. W.

Peter M. Wright

M. G. Rees, Esq.,
18a, Prince of Wales Terrace,
London, W.8.

Copy: Room 055
L.A.

Note
Rees telephoned
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meeting was arranged
for 1600 on 19/3/65.
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L/C for MARGY from BINGO.
 Domestic chatter. During the conversation, BINGO reminded MARGY that REES was going to OXFORD, when he was last on the phone, in order to try to get a Research Scholarship.
 MARGY said 'they' had produced it. BINGO thought this was absolutely splendid! MARGY agreed that it was 'very good.' (She did not sound very excited about this.) GRAFTON and PEGGY were spending the evening with MARGY and REES.
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Q/G REES to FRO 3167 - LOXDALES - SOLICITORS.

A writ had been served on REES on behalf of DISTANT'S client, MR. HASTINGS for the sum of £144. REES said this amount was incorrect. DISTANT agreed, he now knew that since the summons was originally issued, REES had paid £25, but since then, he had failed to honour some undertaking that he had made.

REES was very apologetic. He said he could send DISTANT a cheque for £50 now, and would let DISTANT have part of the balance, if not the whole, next week.

DISTANT was sure that his client would accept this arrangement, it was as embarrassing for him as it was for REES! DISTANT asked REES to state a definite date for settling the balance when he sent his cheque.
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I/C for REES from NICKY (KALDOR.)

NICKY had only just got MARGY's message and unfortunately, he could not manage a drink to-night, but would love to do so another time.

MARGY came on the line and told him that LORD BEARSTED /him was longing to meet ~~XXXX~~ and she was to fix up a dinner some time. After some chatter, NICKY and CLARICE? were to try to look in at about 22.30 to-night, after their dinner engagement. They were just off to a cocktail party at CHATHAM HOUSE.

MARGY mentioned that the CLIVES were dining with them to-night. Did NICKY remember NIGEL? Yes, he did.

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I suggest selected reading in
REES' file as follows:-

Vol I — serial 5a.

Vol II — me

Vol III — serials 165a, 166a, 177a, 178a,
195a (i) (a useful summary) 205a,

Vol IV — 260a, 279a, 294a, 297a,
299a.

2. May I also suggest that you do
not send off your letter to REES
until you have had time to read
this material, and also discussed
with John Allen the possibility ~~for~~
of securing legal sanction for
immunity from prosecution for

Offences committed before 1945?

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You asked for the following 'note' from
 19th a note written by Courtenay Young on
 16.11.56, recording the gist of
 oral report of a meeting with Government
 REES on 15.11.56:-

" In this connection he told that
 M.I.5 had come to visit him as soon
 as the articles were produced, and he
 had told them how they had come about,
 i.e. that they were The People's version of
 his original manuscript. M.I.5 had asked
 whether they could see the manuscript and
 he had at first refused. On being pressed
 he had agreed to give them the manuscript
 on two conditions: firstly that it should
 be seen only by a strictly limited number
 of people in Government departments, and
 secondly that it should not be seen
 by certain members of M.I.5, whom he
 named."

There is no indication that the implications
 of the second condition were followed up.

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O/G MARGY to NIGEL CLIVE.

MARGY confirmed that he and MAFIA were coming for drinks and dinner to-night. NIGEL was looking forward to it.

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O/G MARGY to TFM 2407 -

MARGY spoke to MRL KALDOR's (ph) secretary. She gave her name as MRS. GORONWY REES and asked if MR. KALDOR was in LONDON to-day? Yes, he would be there later on to-day.

MARGY said KALDOR had given her his special number, but she had lost it in the move. She then said that if, by any wild chance, he was free this evening, would he like to come and have a drink.

DISTANT was to ring back later.
11.11.

O/G MARGY to the TELEPHONE MANAGER.

MARGY said she was on the WESTERN exchange. She was a new subscriber and only had one 'sort of temporary telephone working.' She wondered when they were coming 'to connect the other one up and move this one back where it should be.'

MARGY went on to explain that there had been two telephones here but the carpet man - according to the GPO - had put a nail through the wire of one of the phones and cut it off altogether. The one ^{that} was working had been moved by the telephone engineer, and stuck on a very short wire by the window just where the lead came in, so that there would be a temporary service. This was some weeks ago. MARGY said they had also signed a form.

DISTANT said this was for cost of work of the rewiring that would have to be done.

An appointment was made for the engineers to call TO-MORROW MORNING between 10.00 and 11.00.
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I/C for MARGY from WILLIAMSON continued.
 MARGY asked DISTANT if he knew of HALLINICK hospital?
 Yes, he did. She mentioned that REES had just written
 an article on it. She went on:

MARGY "Because he had a sort of collapse last year, and went
 in there for a bit. He had sort of acute depression -
 we've had a lot of bad troubles - he was just frightfully
 depressed, you know, and that kind of thing - quite
 justifiably really from various horrors that had gone
 over the last 10 or 15 years. What they (the hospital)
 did for him in 6 weeks was simply out of this world!"

MARGY and DISTANT continued to discuss their children.
 They were to meet again next WEDNESDAY in the court.
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Original at serial 432a in PF 604,582 - BLUNT

Extract from Transcription of Interview between A.S. Martin, P.M. Wright and Sir Anthony BLUNT on 11th February, 1965.

/(PHILBY)

B What I was trying to think, you see I don't know of anyone he'd/recruited but I'm pretty certain I shouldn't, whereas with Guy I'm fairly certain I should, with Kim I'm absolutely certain I shouldn't have - you see he was very, very correct indeed but he didn't, as far as I can remember, and I think I should have remembered - he didn't mention that and I was 5 obviously saying "Well, what about Goronwy" - well no I suppose the Goronwy - the immediate Goronwy thing had been got over for the moment then but there was Leo, there was Michael - but I don't - whether I said this to him I don't know, I should think I probably did, I should think at that stage we were talking quite openly, indeed he may have known about Michael before because Guy knew about him, and Michael did know about Guy, didn't he - Guy did contact Michael in America, didn't he?

B Well, I suppose he (BURGESS) must have known Derek VERSCHOYLE but - I knew through Specator days.

W Have you any views on him?

B He's a complete - well, the person who I think knows him best is Goronwy. I mean I simply wouldn't - I think I used the same phrase last time - wouldn't trust Goronwy an inch on any - wouldn't trust Derek an inch on any subject but I've not the slightest reason to think he was interested politically in anything.

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I/C for MARGY from MR. HAWES.

MARGY was superintending the removal men bringing in the furniture.

HAWES was ringing to say that neither business had been completed - nearing SOUTH TERRACE and PRINCE OF WALES TERRACE.

He said it was all right for the REES'S to move into this maisonette, but he did not wish to know!

After some discussion, it was agreed to allow the Poles to move in to SOUTH TERRACE to-day. if they wished to 11.54.

take the risk.

O/G REES to the TELEPHONE MANAGER'S OFFICE - ACC 8060.

REES gave his name, number and address. He said he had just moved in to this flat and there was only one telephone working here and it was temporary. (He apparently meant that the phone was in a temporary position.)

DISTANT said REES had been given a temporary service on the one line, and they would have to do the re-wiring on a cost of work basis. REES said: 'I see.'

DISTANT said if he was agreeable, she could put this in hand with the engineers. He would be sent a little form to sign, but they would put it in hand with the engineers to get the other extension working.

REES said the present phone would also have to be moved. 14.36.

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Extract for PF 604,583 - REES

Original at serial 431b in PF 604,582 - BLUNT

Extract from Transcription of Interview between A.S. Martin, P.M. Wright
and Sir Anthony BLUNT on Friday, 5th February, 1965.

M Well, now there was a group at All Souls, I think whom he used -

B You're talking of which -

M The pre-war period, presumably after he came down from Cambridge, but I don't know - I mean I really want you to guide us on this. I mean the only name - the only Oxford name which leaps to mind is REES - is Coronwy and I don't know exactly how they first came into - you know, each other's camp. But am I not right in thinking that this did centre on All Souls?

B Oh, I think so, yes.

M And if it did, when did this start and who were the - and why did he get himself into this group?

B Well now, wasn't it partly - there was a very close All Souls/Times link - and All Souls, well is it All Souls/Foreign Office or All Souls/Conservative Party? Well, it was as an extension of political life in London that All Souls was interesting and I'll have to think who the main figures - who the important figures were at that time but I think I'm right in saying - SIMON for instance, Sir John SIMON, was a Fellow of All Souls, and there were people he and others of that type, used, I think I'm right in saying, to go down for the weekend to All Souls and a good deal, I think, of probably rather high-power, unofficial -

M - political debate -

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B - political debate and who would have been editor -?

W Yes, they had weekend fellows before the war at All Souls.

B Yes all ex-fellows had weekend rights.

W I think Goronwy REES was a weekend fellow at one stage

B Yes, he was - he was I think, yes. I'm not sure that he may not have been an active fellow.

W But they were people - other people who were fellows then I suppose - was Isaiah BERLIN a fellow?

B That was later, I think.

M Was he?

B Well, anyway he was Oxford - I mean he's been to so many different colleges it doesn't really matter.

M Well, let's take Isaiah, I mean how far back does that go, do you think? The Guy, Isaiah -

B Long before the war. I'm trying to think - I knew Isaiah as an undergraduate but I don't think - I think it - I very much doubt it was through me Guy met him because I saw - by chance - didn't see a great deal of Isaiah for a long time. Er, John FOSTER, the lawyer was also - the barrister - was also

M Yes, I know John FOSTER, what he was a ?

B He was a - he was very much one of the regular weekenders then and I suppose ex-fellow, late-fellow rather than a fellow.

M A friend of Guy's?

B Well, he was primarily more indirectly. He was a very close friend and steady (?) of Victor. John and Guy would have met through Victor and - John FOSTER is a very hospitable, kindly person and might even have been one - might easily have been one of the people who invited Guy to stay at All Souls. I don't know, he invited me once to stay I remember when I wanted particularly to meet a Fellow. He was very good at doing that. Well yes, it's perhaps rather characteristic. I wanted to meet someone who might have helped me get a job with a Fellow of All Souls and John FOSTER said "Oh it's perfectly simple. Come down for the weekend and I'll introduce you". And I can very well imagine Guy saying the same thing to him "I'd so much like to meet Sir John SIMON" or whoever it was. I can't - you see, Guy when he was an undergraduate didn't, I think have an awful lot of friends at Oxford. He must have had some but I should have guessed that his friends from - in Oxford were mainly people he'd known at Eton who'd gone to Oxford and I don't remember as an undergraduate - from Cambridge - I don't think of Guy as going over to Oxford very frequently. It was much more when he was in London, going down as you say for these weekends and explicitly for that particular purpose.

M Would you think then that this was when he first met up with Goronwy or does this go back further. What's your recollection of the Goronwy/Guy association. How far does it go back?

B Another possible link, of course, is Rosamond LEHMANN.

M Link between Guy and -

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B Link between Guy and Goronwy. I mean I don't know which way it worked, but Guy certainly knew, had known Rosie for many, many years. What I can't remember is when she and Goronwy were having an affair - when they were together. I mean I don't know which happened first.

K Do you know?

W I was trying to remember. I don't.

B I can't get the dates of that. I was simply thinking of possible links.

W Would you say he knew BERLIN before he knew he knew Goronwy?

B That's exactly what I don't know. That's exactly what I shouldn't be certain of.

.....

W Can you think of any others in the -

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B Oxford -

W In the Oxford group - in the BERLIN galere - if you see what I mean.

B No, the three that - it is John FOSTER, BERLIN and REES who come to my mind. Can you throw up any other names?

M Well, another one I know was Stuart HAMPSHIRE.

B Stuart - oh, as early as that?

M I think so - it was certainly before the war.

(Pause)

W There is in Guy's correspondence a letter from Isaiah to him, saying - unfortunately I meant to bring it - saying -

B Sorry, a letter from Isaiah to Guy?

W Asking him to go to Salzburg, saying that - he said "Get Anthony to come to Salzburg with us" or words to that effect.

B Written when?

W "And HAMPSHIRE is certainly coming".

B (Undertone) Go to Salzburg? (Very surprised)

M Well, we can't date the letter.

W There's somebody CAMERON - a woman CAMERON mentioned in it.

B Oh, Mrs CAMERON?

W Yes -

M What was her christian name?

B Yes, a novelist - Elizabeth.

W Probably.

M That's right - yes.

B Well, she was Rosamond's predecessor with Coronwy, wasn't she? And wrote that absolutely appalling - well, I've never read it but I believe it's an absolutely appalling book about Coronwy after they'd broken called 'Death of the Heart'.

M Oh, well this is completely - I'd never heard of -

W - complete news to me

B You said - when I said Elizabeth - you -

W Yes, I'm pretty certain -

B Yes, it must be the same one. Irish.

W Or we'd simply got the name from the letter -

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B Well, I think - (?) CAMERON

W Well, quite clearly HAMPSHIRE was in - was in it then.

B Well, that does put it a long way back. That I think puts it all before the war. That you could check if you looked up the date of this book and subtract about a year. It must have taken about a year to write, or two years.

M But she was Coronwy's friend.

B She was Coronwy's girlfriend for a long time, yes.

M Was Coronwy part of this trip to Salzburg?

W No, Coronwy wasn't - it was Isaiah -

B Well, Mrs CAMERON was a friend of all the - well I mean sort of generally speaking a friend of Oxford intellectuals - generally. And - sorry, did you say she was due to come on this party?

W Yes, she was due to come on - The letter to Guy saying "Get Anthony to come to Salzburg" after -(?)

M - with Elizabeth CAMERON - "and Stuart HAMPSHIRE is certainly coming" -

W Did you go on the Austria trip?

B Never been to Salzburg with - (laughter) doubt if I've been since that time.

M You know Stuart HAMPSHIRE.

B Oh yes. Very well.

M Again what would your opinion be? I mean as an informant, and equally apply that to -

B As a source? Yes, well I shouldn't have thought that Stuart was interested - he's politically conscious and very interesting to listen to on the subject but I shouldn't have thought that he was involved in the game of politics in any way that would have been useful to Guy at all. Whether through - was he then a Fellow of All Souls? - yes, ye was -

M Yes, he was.

B - because they've all moved from one college to another but I think he was - I think he was a young resident fellow -

W Yes, he was before the war.

B Before the war, that's right, yes and therefore -

W And then he went back after the war - he went to the Foreign Office for a short time after the war - of course he was in -

B In Section V - yes. Went to the Foreign Office?

W He went to the Foreign Office after Section V.

B Oh, I'd forgotten that.

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W For a short time.

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B But I shouldn't have thought -

W When he was in Section V would Guy have used him as a source - do you know if there was any - coming and going between him and Guy during the war?

B Well, there might have been in the sense that I think Stuart used occasionally to come to Bentinck Street. The name - the person who really was most closely linked with Stuart in my mind again was Victor - Victor and he were and still are very very close friends but I don't associate Stuart with Guy nearly so much. He certainly - I mean certainly in talking during the war he never gave the slightest indication nor I think really - you see I don't think the kind of thing Guy was looking for was the kind of thing Section V was dealing with. He was - I think he was ploughing a purely - well almost purely political line in getting political gossip - political information, political knowledge and I don't think Guy would have known what to do -

W You know what Stuart was doing, don't you?

B Er, he was on -

M On ISOS.

B Oh, he was on - ISOS, was he?

M Yes.

B Yes, of course. Well, you see that I think was the kind of thing that Guy first of all wouldn't have known what to do with and secondly probably would have known that I was seeing it from that particular front.

M What do you think of Isaiah as a source? How would he react?

B As an unconscious source?

M No, if we went to him?

B I should have thought he might help a great deal on this particular problem(?). Partly because I suspect Isaiah has a very good memory. I've never had cause to test it but he's got such an astonishing brain and he's certainly got a good memory in the sense that he can quote at immense length and so on. I should guess that he might have a very good memory for what went on.

M In a sense it's surprising that he has never come forward. He hasn't. Do you think that's a fair statement? That it is surprising.

B Well, I was just trying to work it out. Um. No I should have thought there was a certain cynicism about Shia which might lead him to say "well I've not got any information that's going to be any use to anyone. I just knew Guy as a friend" and he wouldn't - I think he'd probably - oh - He was never involved in intelligence activities at all, was he? I mean he was always political - and I should have guessed that he would very likely take that line and not think that some little detail he knew might be helpful and if he did think of it would say "Well, what the hell, if they want to know they must come and ask me" and I shouldn't have thought there was anything sinister in his not coming forward.

W HAMPSHIRE of course, has never come forward either. Would you think there is anything sinister in that.

B - (?) a philosopher (laughter)

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W Fair comment.

B I shouldn't have thought so, no.

W Did Guy ever talk to you about John SPARROW?

B Oh, I'm sorry - of course he was prominent figure in this group. Yes, I'd forgotten all about him - and was already a fellow then but not of course, Warden. Er, well again I should have said was one of the active weekenders but of course wasn't - was only very marginally connected with politics. Wasn't indeed connected with politics at all at that stage, was he - before the war? I should have thought more as a host and a link

M What we are really getting at is do you think that any of these Oxford contacts were significant. It seems to me likely that having the entree there he would have used it.

B Yes. He certainly used it to collect information, there's not a shadow of doubt.

M He certainly used it with REES?

B About the others I can only say that as he did tell me about REES from the word go, indeed I suppose he probably discussed it before anything happened. I'm quite sure he did, must have, he did not say anything similar about any of the other people (very emphatic) which is not proof but is some evidence.

M What was your view when he asked you?

B (Pause) As far as I can remember, I may easily be being clever after the event - was a certain degree of alarm - because I've always thought Coronwy a rather unstable character. Frightfully clever - brilliantly clever but - -

M Was permission sought? From - GEORGE it was then, wasn't it?

B I think it must have been, yes. Do we - well presumably you do know the exact date - presumably Coronwy's told you when - 1938, wasn't it?

M Coronwy said 1938.

B 1938, yes, well then there was no question of being out of contact - or was there in '38?

M I don't think so.

B I mean it wasn't as a result - that it was as a result -

M It was the year of GLADING - no it wasn't GLADING was earlier - GLADING was '36.

B '36 - oh, I see. No I think it must have been - I've no clear recollection.

M But you do remember discussing it with Guy?

B Yes, and I remember Guy telling me that he had made the approach -

M - and that Coronwy had accepted?

B - and that Coronwy had accepted.

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W But you don't remember Guy telling you that he'd asked GEORGE about it?

B I don't remember. But I think it must have been the case - I think that's - the only reason for not doing it would have been that there was no contact and even then should only have been done if there was some urgent reason for doing it then rather than later.

M And in fact there can have been no urgency -

B None.

M - in Coronwy's case at all

B None at all.

M Nothing he could do at that time.

B And his function was - I mean the idea was that he would be better placed than Guy was to hear a bit of political gossip in Oxford because he was there all the time. He was resident wasn't he? No, no he wasn't, sorry. He was one of the weekenders. But anyhow he was a fairly regular (?) as being a member of the college.

M What was he doing then?

B (Together) I can't remember.

B That was - oh, was he at the - when was he at the Spectator? I think he might have been at the Spectator.

M I mean he's always been a journalist.

B Was he in any professional sense, except when he was at the Spectator?

M Well, I'm not sure about this.

W I got the impression that he was a journalist. Certainly made money out of writing - put it like that.

B What did he - he was never a lawyer, was he? I don't even know what his subject was - history?

M I don't know. Well, as you may have gathered, we haven't been to Coronwy again - you remember that we debated this -

B Yes.

M - before. We haven't been to him and he's still a question mark.

B A question mark in the sense -

M As to whether we should go back;

B Of course from my point of view it's -

M Well our fears are yours but there's no reason why we shouldn't go to him without talking about you.

B Oh, I see. But in fact I have absolutely no belief in his discretion at all. I don't think he'd do it - well he might do it from nerves - I don't think he would but I'm certain he's not capable of keeping it to himself.

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M Well, I see no reason at all why we couldn't keep you right out - I mean simply packed down. Well, I mean obviously he's going to talk about you - there's no avoiding that.

B But do please prevent him from talking about me in print again.

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M Why did you and Guy hit upon Goronwy as a - or if you say it wasn't you - if you -

B Well, I think for this particular purpose of political gossip -

M But why should he have thought -

B Oh Why Goronwy -? Well Goronwy, I think was very left-wing at that stage, wasn't he? And this was - whether - I don't think he was ever a member of the Party, was he?

M No, I don't think he was, but the point I'm getting at is that here we've named whatever it is eight or nine - well not all of them were truly of the Oxford group - but why REES and not the others?

B Wouldn't it be true to say that Goronwy was the only one with - of that group - with really strong left-wing feelings at that time?

M It would be true?

B I should have thought so. Isaiah - to go through them - John FOSTER absolutely no, well I should think he 's probably strong Tory but -

W - but anyway he's a Tory M.P.

B Oh yes - anyway he's not -

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M But he always was?

B Always as far as I know and the kind of Tory who doesn't have politics. Isaiah is - well I suppose a sort of instinctive radical but never - I mean disapproves very - always has disapproved very very strongly of Marx - I mean his book on him is very - though brilliant is very sharp and - HAMPSHIRE - again just sort of anti-Tory but no more. And I've now forgotten who all the others were.

M John SPARROW.

B John SPARROW - well, absolutely dyed in the wool Tory.

W This chap ZAEHNER - KESSLER's brother-in-law he was very left-wing -

B He was left-wing, was he? Yes -

W - during the war and he knew Guy before the war.

B Before the war, did he? Well there I've simply no views, no information on - Guy certainly -

W - later became Catholic - one of those.

B Peter HUTTON did that mean anything? He was left-wing and became Catholic.

M Well, what I'm really getting at is that in your eyes - in looking back on it now RHEES stuck out as somebody who was sort of likely to react favourably -

B And also I think that probably Guy knew him much better than he knew the others and I should think felt that he could exercise more influence on him - because I don't think Guy could have exercised any influence, pressure whatever you like - I don't mean blackmail but I mean sort of persuaded someone like Shia BERLIN or indeed any of the others.

M Well, at any rate as far as Oxford is concerned you can't suggest fields in which to look.

B No. I do think that - I mean if you want to amplify this picture, so to speak, and fill in details I should have thought that Shia would be a very very good source and I should have thought a perfectly friendly one -

M Yes, well -

B - more I'd have thought - probably far more use than Stuart - HAMPSHIRE.

M Well, we had been considering this and I think we probably ought to go ahead. And there again there would be no reason for involving you in that.

B No, well I should be glad - I mean although Isaiah talks more than almost anyone in the world I would trust his discretion far more than I would Goronwy's - not 100 per cent but -

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GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.DISTANT said he had brought to MARGY's notice some two
weeks' ago, an outstanding account and outstanding loan
interest on a Life Insurance Policy. The two together
totalled £37.5.10d.REES said he would settle this.
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O/G MARGY to MR. BARTER - the REES's accountant. The conversation referred to REES's income for the Financial Year 1956/57. His freelance earnings for the year, which were paid into the FALCON TRUST, amounted to £1,537.19.7d. His salary at the university was £2,500. MARGY had the PAYE slips for that year, and they amounted to £1,864.

She mentioned a DRUMMONDS Bank Account.

REES left the university in APRIL 1957, and was given a lump payment of £2,000. MARGY said this was not taxable because it was nearly all 'FSSU' (ph).

BARTER appeared to be going to claim for a rebate of surtax on the year 1957/58.

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MARGY made several calls this morning concerning the move. They were busy packing up books and china, which were to be collected to-morrow by TYLIERS of PADDINGTON, and taken to PRINCE OF WALES TERRACE. The rest of the furniture etc., was being moved on FRIDAY. MARGY also arranged to send some furniture to her cottage in YORKSHIRE. The address: ASHBERRY FARM, RIEVAULX, NORTH RIDING.

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Contact of Guy BURGESS)
Ment. REES.

1. I visited [redacted]

on January 29th 1965. When I arrived, he appeared to be very nervous and was sweating slightly. He very quickly gained confidence in talking to me and I do not think his initial anxiety was due to fear of what I might ask him but rather inherent shyness.

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5. I asked [redacted] to tell me about what he knew about Guy BURGESS. He said that he first met him in All Souls in 1937. He, [redacted] was at that time a student of Christ Church but had many friends in All Souls and used to visit it as a guest often. BURGESS used to come to Oxford quite frequently right up to his departure. All Souls was his stamping ground. BURGESS's close associates in All Souls *Prof. Stuart Newlin HAMPSHIRE N.Y. were REES, BERLIN and HAMPSHIRE. Of these, he would guess that HAMPSHIRE was the most close and it would not surprise him if it was discovered that HAMPSHIRE had been recruited by BURGESS pre-war. [redacted] said that Coronwy REES had told him (as many other people) that BURGESS had recruited him (REES) but that he had not done anything. He said that REES had told him that we had grilled him, REES, years ago. [redacted] was convinced that REES knew an awful lot about BURGESS's activities: "why didn't we have another go at him?" [redacted] said that BERLIN might be able to help; he said he did not know whether BERLIN had ever been a spy but he didn't think so. He said that John FOSTER Q.C. was very thick with BERLIN before the war. He does not know for certain whether BURGESS knew him too but feels that he must have done. [redacted] finally said that he himself had only been on "talking" terms with BURGESS, never intimate terms. I am under the impression [redacted] did not like BURGESS.

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Domestic chatter. HEATHER was ringing for news of MARGY. She was a little better, but still not very well. Her illness was not expected to upset the move.

REES hoped to see HEATHER again soon, and suggested another lunch date. She would love it, and they fixed on WEDNESDAY next. They were to go to the TATE at 12.00 and then come back to HEATHER's for lunch.

REES called her 'darling' assiduously.
09.25.O/G REES to the WESTMINSTER BANK - HARLEY STREET.
He asked what his Overdraft stood at. His Account number was 128 48239. It was ~~£5,447.3.1d.~~ £5,447.3.1d.
10.12.**I/C for REES from BARTER (his accountant.)**
BARTER was dealing with REES's accounts. He wanted his income for the year 5th April, 1956/5 th April, 1957.
REES said he would look it up and ring back.
10.16.**I/C for REES from the COLLECTOR OF TAXES - LONDON 35.**
He asked REES if there was any PAYE due from him for this Financial Year - 1964/65? REES thought there was? How much? He thought about £70. DISTANT asked him to send it next week. REES said he would try.
10.56.**I/C for REES from GERAINT.**
DISTANT was expecting REES and MARGY to-night. Yes, they were looking forward to it.
DISTANT gave directions. The REES's always lost their way when going to see him. REES hoped they would be there at 19.00.
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MARIA said they were toying with the idea of trying to see CHURCHILL'S procession etc., on SATURDAY, but if they did not go, could they come and watch it on MARGY's television? MARIA said she had suggested this to NIGEL, and he had remarked that after hearing what 'GORONWY' had to say about CHURCHILL the other night, he would probably not turn it on! MARGY said NIGEL had got it wrong. REES had been thinking of going. He was determined to see it. REES was pro CHURCHILL. She - MARGY - was anti him. REES was always telling her off about it, but she thought he had given up now. He used to give her terrible 'tellings off' saying that she would not be here to-day but for him, and she should not be so ungrateful! MARIA had told NIGEL that 'GORONWY' was so emotional, she was sure that he could not help being moved. MARGY was delighted for MARIA and NIGEL to come along.

10.32.

O/G REES to MR. WEIDENFELD.

DISTANT was not in, but expected any minute. He was to be asked to ring REES.

15.53.

I/C for MARGY from JENNY.

JENNY said she could not come to supper to-night after all. She was not feeling well.

MARGY was cooking a brace of pheasants given to the family by MARTIN BECKET.

16.11.

O/G REES to DAVID HYAM - MR. HYAM.

HYAM was not in, but expected later. He was to be asked to ring REES.

16.18.

O/G REES to MR. HYAM.

He was still not back in the office. He was to be asked to ring REES on his return. REES said he would be at home.

17.21.

O/G REES to GEORGE WEIDENFELD.

GEORGE was off on SATURDAY MORNING. REES said he had had a long letter from HYAM about his conversation with GEORGE. There was a few things he did not understand, but he could clear them up with HYAM. REES mentioned the pre publication serial rights and translation rights, and that he was not quite clear whether GEORGE had a 10% interest in those or himself. GEORGE said that of course, REES had 90% and he 10%.

REES then pointed out that it seemed that he was not to be paid anything until SEPTEMBER.

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O/G REES to WEIDENFELD continued.

DISTANT said he had agreed to pay REES the excess of their advance for the RHINE (REES was to write a book on the RHINE) and the repayment that they had to make for the -----? (this was inaudible and was probably the title of a book.) This amounted to £500 and REES would receive this amount in SEPTEMBER, when he had finished his book on the RHINE. DISTANT understood that this book would take REES 6 months. DISTANT said that having already paid out £1,000 - 'having to refund it to MACMILLANS, you see' - they could not afford to pay out any more until they got the RHINE.. As far as the SLUMP was concerned, they would start payment straight away. (REES was to write a book on the SLUMP after he had finished the RHINE.)

REES understood all this, but the point was, he would not receive any money at all until SEPTEMBER, and honestly, he really did not know whether he could do it.

DISTANT apologised for his next suggestion, which was, that as soon as he got HARPERS on to this business - and they had already agreed very enthusiastically - REES would have a very firm financial commitment on which he could surely get an overdraft. REES said that unfortunately, he had an overdraft already, and he did not think that the Bank was likely to give him anymore.

DISTANT said if HARPERS were willing to make an advance on their own account, DISTANT would be delighted to accomodate REES, but he must make it clear that WEIDENFELDS could not. REES saw DISTANT's point, but stressed that unfortunately, he did not see how he could do either book. 'I shall have to find some other means of living - I mean, it really is the only thing that I can do.'

DISTANT was afraid that REES might change his mind about the RHINE. DISTANT assured him that this was not so, but 'I really can't - I mean I must find some means of living in the meanwhile. I really won't be able to give it my time as I would otherwise.'

DISTANT was firm. He said HYAM could give him no assurance. Through him, they had two very unsatisfactory situations with other authors.

REES said he was longing to do this book. But under this present contract, he was done for. He had to have the £500. DISTANT said he would talk to DAVID again, and also see what he could do in NEW YORK.

(It was not clear why WEIDENFELD was having to pay £1,000 to MACMILLANS, but it sounded to be on REES's account, possibly because he now refused to write something else. The name ERLANGER was mentioned - pronounced in the French fashion.)

17.40.

I/C for REES from DAVID HYAM.

WEIDENFELD was discussed and his refusal to pay the £500 before SEPTEMBER. REES said it made the situation impossible and he would have to think it over.

DISTANT was to contact WEIDENFELD this evening. He should have had a drink by now and might be more malleable.

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I/C for REES from DAVID HYAM.

DAVID had been on to GEORGE WEIDENFELD. He had told him that they could not sign as it stood. So he was going over to NEW YORK and the first thing that he would do would be to ask HARPERS if they would put up £500 now on account of THE SLUMP. That would be taken off the £1,000 in the autumn, but it would give REES £500 now.

REES's comment: 'Oh God!' DAVID went on to say that he had reminded WEIDENFELD that they were hoping for a bigger advance when he had seen CASS. (ph)
Nothing was to be signed until they heard from WEIDENFELD.
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I/C from LUCY.

She spoke to REES and MARGY. The call concerned her grant.

This was being worked out. LUCY was a bit low at the moment, but could probably borrow £10 off NICK, if necessary.

MARGY said: 'We are pretty desperate (financially) for the next 6 months.' She thought that REES would be able to contribute something towards LUCY's summer holidays when the time came.

LUCY asked if MARGY had any idea when they were moving?

She replied: 'Yes, a week on FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 5th).'

They were bringing packing cases for china and glass on MONDAY, which they were going to pack themselves. These would be moved on WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 3rd.) The books were also going on WEDNESDAY. MARGY said packing these things themselves would save £10.

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The Witness

By GORONWY REES

IN the history of our times the name of Whittaker Chambers will always be associated with Alger Hiss, as if the two were bound by some infernal compact that could never be loosed. And what a strange couple they seemed to make! On the one hand, the All-American hero, product of Johns Hopkins and Harvard Law School, protégé of Frankfurter and Holmes, golden boy of the State Department, with just a sufficient touch of sweetness in his character to redeem him from priggishness. And on the other, the *déclassé* intellectual, Communist spy turned informer, ex-editor of *Time* magazine, with an aura of moral decay concealed under a lately acquired religiosity. One came straight out of Henry James, the other from Dostoevsky. Who could doubt which of them one would choose to have as a friend, or in which to place one's trust?

Hiss is still alive; Chambers died in 1961 and now a selection of his literary remains has been published in the United States, under the title of *Cold Friday*.* The book, a collection of letters, essays and autobiographical pieces, is no more than its editor claims for it; that is to say, unrevised and uncoordinated material out of which perhaps Chambers might one day have been able to fashion a sequel to *Witness*, which is one of the crucial historical documents of our time. Even so, *Cold Friday* is quite enough to revive all the passions which Chambers once inspired and to give his detractors a welcome opportunity to spit upon his grave.

No one has done this with more pleasure than that aspiring 'Machiavelli of peace' and would-be liberator of Katanga, the Principal of the University of Accra, Mr. Conor Cruise O'Brien. Reviewing *Cold Friday* in the *New York Review*, he dismisses Chambers as one whom any rational man must regard as a pathological liar and a perjurer in saint's clothing, compares him, to his disadvantage, to the convicted forger Pigott, and asserts that since there was insufficient documentary evidence against Hiss, his conviction finally rested on the false testimony of Chambers. Who could guess from this that in the course of his trial it was Hiss who was proved to be a consummate and consistent liar and Chambers who emerged as, in Lionel Trilling's phrase, 'a man of honour'; a man, moreover, of remarkable intellectual gifts and force of character, beside whom, before the end, the figure of Hiss seemed to dwindle and shrink, like that of a clerk caught out in some petty defalcation?

Reading Mr. O'Brien, one cannot help being amazed at, almost admiring, his effrontery; but even more one wonders at the vindictiveness and viciousness with which he pursues the shade of a man now dead. Even Mr. O'Brien cannot quite bring himself to assert, though he is glad enough to insinuate, that Hiss was innocent; but he has no hesitation in saying that Chambers was a villain.

Such a travesty of the facts should perhaps not surprise us in the case of Mr. O'Brien; after all, on the evidence of his own book about

Katanga, not truth, but action combined with high-minded equivocation is Mr. O'Brien's forte. And it has its own peculiar value, because it helps us to understand what violently partisan emotions the personality of Chambers aroused and still arouses. Only some deep and irrational conviction, one feels, could commit even Mr. O'Brien so deeply to misrepresentation.

The truth is, of course, that in the Hiss case very few people were interested in the facts; they were interested in Chambers and in Hiss as figures of good and evil and cast them in the one part or the other as their political prejudices, hopes and fears dictated. Mr. O'Brien still does.

If one accepts this, it is easy to understand why the personality of Chambers was, and remains, a stumbling-block and an offence to many liberal and progressive Americans. It seemed that such a man, an Ishmael rejected by society, could have no share in the American dream; Hiss, with his air of a bright yet earnest college boy, seemed to inherit it as his birthright.

In this, their instinct was partly right. For it was an essential part of what Chambers had to say, in the Hiss case, in *Witness* and now in *Cold Friday*, that the American dream was over and that Americans now faced a far bleaker and harsher world than they had ever imagined. As a result of his experiences in the Communist underground, Chambers had come to the conclusion that Communism was not an external but an internal danger to the United States; as he says in *Cold Friday*, the material resources of the United States were so immeasurably superior to those of Communism that there could be no doubt of the issue in any direct conflict between them. His fear, which grew rather than diminished with time, was that America, like the western world as a whole, lacked the will to deploy her resources as she should, and he never concealed his belief that, in abandoning Communism, he was abandoning the winning side; *Victrix causa deis placuit, sed victa Catoni*.

In offering himself as a witness to the American people, Chambers, as he thought, was trying to investigate and diagnose a disease, he took his own symptoms as the starting point of his analysis; there was, again, something repellent to many people in his willingness to display his own sores. In identifying the disease as Communism, however, Chambers did not mean merely that the American government was infiltrated by Communists, though this was the most sensational part of his testimony. He meant that Communism itself was only a conscious and political manifestation of a view of life which had already, to a large extent, conquered the West and paralysed it in its efforts to oppose Communism.

When, as in *Witness*, Chambers tried to trace this view of life to its source, he found it, not in the Communist Manifesto, but in the first sentence of an elementary physics primer: 'All the progress of mankind to date results from the taking of careful measurements.' This, for him, was the real essence of Communism. It was the belief that science and its child, technology, provide both the only standards by which men's needs can be judged and the only means by which their satisfaction can be promoted; and it had

* COLD FRIDAY. By Whittaker Chambers. Edited with an introduction by Duncan Norton-Taylor. (Random House, New York, \$5.95.)

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as a corollary that it was justifiable and necessary to ignore and suppress everything in men's nature that is not amenable to scientific observation, experiment and definition. It was this which made him call Communism the glory and shame of the world; the glory because it offered men the opportunity, indeed the certainty, of creating a kingdom of heaven on earth; the shame, because the means employed to create it inevitably included the deformation and degradation of their own nature.

If this is truly the meaning of Communism, then Chambers concluded that the western world had already implicitly accepted its basic assumptions; they were the assumptions that are common to a world in which, as Nietzsche said, God is dead, and East and West could truly cry out to each other across the barriers that divide them: *Mon semblable! Mon frère!*

Because the West shared these assumptions, Chambers thought that it was incapable of successfully resisting Communism, and this gave a profoundly pessimistic colouring to his political outlook, so that he never overcame a kind of nostalgia for the vast hopes and certainties which he had known as a Communist. In offering himself as a witness, he made a desperate and despairing effort to recall his countrymen to a sense of the dangers of the belief in the inevitability of scientific progress, to which they were all to some extent committed; he wanted them to hear, as he himself had heard, 'the scream in the night' of its victims. In doing so, he challenged the beliefs, not only of Communists, but of millions of Americans who saw in the increasing application of science and technology mankind's only hope of salvation.

It was precisely because he challenged so fundamental a belief that Chambers was so repellent a figure to so many Americans, and an object of mockery and scorn to men like Mr. O'Brien. But also of fear and hatred; for if Chambers was right in thinking that Communism is a manifestation of absolute evil, then there is an end to the cloud-cuckoo-lands of politics in which neutralists like Mr. O'Brien so happily, and sometimes so bloodthirstily, wander. Moreover, Chambers's testimony had the strength that it was based on a personal experience of almost unendurable intensity. In this he was truly a witness; as André Malraux wrote to him: 'You are one of the men who did not return from hell with empty hands.'

What he returned with was a vision of hell so vivid, detailed and specific that it had the power to impose itself on men's minds. It is precisely for that reason that Chambers's enemies have found it necessary to try to destroy the authenticity of his testimony by assassinating the character of the witness.

But in spite of all such attempts, Chambers's evidence and the facts which support it, remain unimpaired; history will *not* one day reveal how Whittaker Chambers succeeded in committing forgery by typewriter. Those who believe otherwise will, as Professor Brogan has recently said, believe anything. We may not choose to interpret Chambers's vision of hell precisely as he did, or draw from it the conclusions which he drew. We may even try to look at it as William James looked at the material, into which Chambers's testimony would have fitted so well, which he assembled for *The Varieties of Religious Experience*. But if we reject it altogether we disqualify ourselves from understanding what has been happening to us in our own lifetime. And this, no doubt, is precisely what Chambers's enemies wish us to do.

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Incoming call to REES from GEORGE WEIDENFELD.
Conversation related to an 'advance' which GORONWY
was anxious to have but which seemed rather difficult
to produce at the moment. REES referred to his
financial situation as being 'desperate' just now.
11.44

Outgoing call MARGY to WESTMINSTER BANK, Harley St.
enquiring what the overdraft on their joint account is.
The figures were given as follows-£ 4607.9.9 overdrawn.
12.08

Outgoing call MARGY to MAI 6044, Second-hand car dept.
making enquiries about Vauxhall Salmons - she wished
to part exchange her Morris Traveller 1963.
13.04

Outgoing call GORONWY to WEST LONDON COUNTY COURT,
concerning a writ issued against him by the Gas Board.
He explained that he intended to pay this but had lost
the writ. Distant gave details and told him that the
amount is £17.5.5.
14.22

Incoming call to MARGY from the Removal people with
a quotation for the removal which would come to £37.10.
n.t.s.

Incoming call from JENNY to MARGY, reporting the
news that GORDON WALKER had lost his seat.
MARGY, who had been sleeping, remarked -'Good God,
I wonder what they'll do'.
Brief chatter afterwards.
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Incoming call from WILLIAMS of Liverpool, London, Globe Insurance Co. He referred to their forthcoming move and then mentioned having dropped REES a note about the loan interest on his life policy due on November 28th and also about an outstanding account of £30.8.2 - the two amounting to £37.5.0. He wondered whether she could get him to pay this.

WILLIAMS went on to mention a letter he had written to REES's doctor for information as to any further occurrences of his illness last year. There had been no reply to this, and, WILLIAMS wondered, whether the doctor felt it best not to say anything for the time being.

MARGY could not reply to this but she confirmed that REES was all right and they had no objection to him writing to the doctor again.

WILLIAMS mentioned having seen REES in the last fortnight and said that he certainly looked 'extremely well'.
15.38

Incoming call from Mr. CARLETON, WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, to REES. CARETON was in a rage since he had had no reply to three letters requesting payment for the boy's school fees. He shouted saying he would not permit the boys to go on ~~EXHIBIT~~. REES protested and apologised saying he would pay it immediately.

CARLETON warmed up towards the end saying he would keep the boys one week only should the fees still not be paid.
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Outgoing call MARGY to CHA 7588, Mr. HAWES, asking whether he had any information as to the completion of contract by their purchaser. HAWES explained having been contacted by their solicitor but he feared it would be another 10 days before everything were completed. MARGY asked whether he thought she could arrange to move on February 2nd. HAWES thought so.

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I/C for MARGY from MAPIA

MAPIA said LUCY had been to see them last night, and told them that MARGY still did not know when the move was taking place.

MARGY agreed that this was the case. She thought it would be sometime next week. She gave MAPIA the new address, and telephone number. She added that REES was hoping to escape from the teenagers for a while with the new phone. Domestic chatter ensued. REES and GORONWY were to go to dinner with [REDACTED] on WEDNESDAY. 18.32.

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a/g*O/G REES to GER 7888 - JENN LEROY (ph).

He asked her what she was asking the SUNDAY TIMES for 'this lot.' DISTANT was not sure. She thought something in the region of £300. She thought it important that REES should do something in the SUNDAY TIMES. REES was very happy with this amount.

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I/C for REES from GERAINT REES.

This was a long domestic conversation. DISTANT was ringing to hear news of the family.

REES said they would be moving in about a fortnight. They were pleased with the new flat.

DISTANT asked if REES had any future plans. Was he staying on with MARKS and SPENCER? No, he had really had enough of them, and had nearly finished. He had a new contract with GEORGE WEIDENFELD to write, first, a short book on the RHEIN, followed by another book on THE GREAT DEPRESSION. This would be on an international scale, starting with the WALL STREET crash. ROOSEVELT in the WHITE HOUSE. And ending with HITLER and the REICHSTAG. REES was delighted at the prospect. WEIDENFELD was to give him an advance of £8,000 which REES wanted paid to him over a period of 2 years. They were then to review the position.

DISTANT asked after the girls. REES told him how happy LUCY was in her new abode, and JENNY had 'an intimate friend' whom they liked very much. He was CLIFFORD BRIEN, the FEATURES EDITOR of THE SUN. He was twenty six. REES hoped that something might come of it.

DISTANT mentioned the NEW STATESMAN and JOHN FREEMAN's new job. REES said he would love to see MRS. FREEMAN among the Indians. She was absolutely crazy, he said. He knew PAUL JOHNSON slightly, and did not think very much of him.

DISTANT spoke about his family. He was to be in touch again soon. REES said they must come and see the new flat. 18.03.

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O/G MARGY to KIDMORE END (Nr. READING) 3241 - MARY.
 Lengthy domestic chatter, mostly about MATTHEW.
 MARGY mentioned that she had the house until the end of the
 first week in FEBRUARY. She would be moving very soon, she
 said.
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MR. C. J. SAUNDERS*
MR. N. A. HAWKINS*

Home Office Warrant Change of Address/Telephone Number

Please make the following amendment to H.O.W. No..... TS/2585

in the name of Morgan Coronwy REES :—

ADD:

DELETE:

WESTERN 1316

E. M. FURNIVAL JONES

Date 8 January 1965

Signature.....

Copy to : A.2

*Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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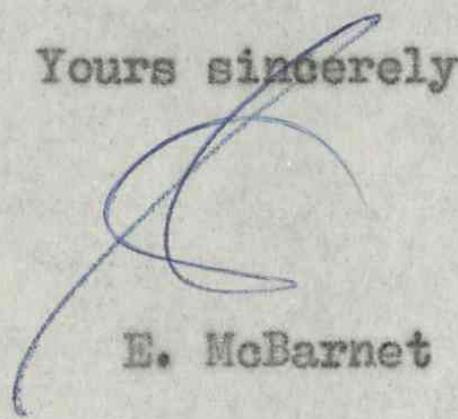
8th January, 1964.

Dear Mr Hawkins,

I am asking for an amendment to the Home Office Warrant T/C 4477 on KNightsbridge 6352 to include the telephone number WESTern 1316. This is the telephone which is installed at 18c Prince of Wales Terrace, W.8, to which address Morgan Goronwy REES is shortly moving.

2. As soon as I know that the move has taken place I will cancel the check on the Knightsbridge number.

Yours sincerely,



E. McBarnet

N.A. Hawkins, Esq.,
G.P.O.

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I/C for MARGY from BINGO.
 This was a very long call - mostly domestic chatter.
 MARGY spoke about the new flat etc., and gave the address.
 She would not dream of moving without informing him, she
 said. CHARD 3187 had been impressed upon the children as
 the number to ring if anything should ever happen to her!
 MARGY talked about T.S. ELIOT - a friend of REES's.
 She mentioned that REES would probably be working at MARKS
 & SPENCER until MARCH. The book was not to be published
 yet. He then had some nice things in the offing. The
 publisher WEIDENFELD, in conjunction with some Americans,
 wanted him to write a book on the Slump. Also, one on
 the cultural life of BERLIN and VIENNA between the wars.
 They would sign good contracts and pay him monthly.
 The book on the Slump would mean a visit to the U.S.A.
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O/G MARGY to JOHN BARKERS. Ext: 3 - REMOVAL DEPARTMENT.
 MARGY asked if DISTANT could move her to PRINCE OF WALES
 TERRACE on MONDAY and TUESDAY the 11th and 12th JANUARY.
 Yes, this was all right. MARGY to fill in the form she
 had and post it off.

12.06.

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 I/C for REES from DAVID REES.

DAVID asked if REES had received the WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
 books. Yes, he had, and it was very good. REES had
 talked about it with ARTHUR KOESTLER last night. He
 considered WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to be a saint!
 DAVID said he would like to put REES's piece in the
 'inauguration show' and would he make it as broad as
 possible. REES said he would like to do this very ^{much} indeed.
 DAVID said about 16,000 words to be ready by the
 end of the year.

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Incoming call to REES from PETER LUKE of B.B.C. Television, who said they had met once or twice with GERRY SLATTERY. He was ringing about a play he was producing by ALAN RICHARDS; it was to be shown next Wednesday and was about the political situation in S.Wales during the post war era. He would like REES to introduce it, immediately before the transmission.

REES agreed to do this - LUKE would send him a script right away and then they could meet and decide what was to be said.

REES said he would write a short script and bring it with him. He added that he was not free on Wednesday night and so he would have to be recorded - he was free almost any other time.

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Incoming call to REES from a man at the London Magazine. He was ringing for ALLEN, who would like him and Mrs. REES to come to a party tomorrow night to meet Mr. IVAN BOLDIZAR (ph.), the editor of the new Hungarian quarterly. REES asked what time because he was going out to dinner. It was from 6.30 to 7.45. REES accepted.

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Incoming call from MARIA [REDACTED] to MARGY, who accepted
her invitation to dinner on Friday next.
They too chatted about furniture.
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Extract from T/C on FRO 2712 - David FOOTMAN, Suspected former R.I.S. Agent

Outgoing call from FLANAGAN to KNI 6352 to GORONWY to thank him for a very nice lunch and to congratulate him on selling his house - OXFORD had said it had been sold and the cheque handed in.

GORONWY said that was absolutely untrue. FLANAGAN remarked that that was like all information from OXFORD; this was what happened when learned men put their minds to practical affairs. FLANAGAN then said BILL and PUSSY had disappeared very wisely without a trace. He asked if GORONWY knew where they were over the week-end.

GORONWY replied that BILL had come there on Monday and was meeting PUSSY there. They had spoken to PUSSY on Tuesday morning and he believed they were staying with the SASSOONs that night.

FLANAGAN said he was just glad that they had managed to disappear. He had turned up on Sunday and they had gone. He then gave a message for MARGY regarding the junk she was turning out for the Christmas bazaar (R.S.P.C.A.) He hoped to get it collected on Monday or Tuesday because the bazaar opened on Wednesday morning. He might ring up on Saturday or Sunday to say what the form was. GORONWY confirmed they would be there at the week-end.

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I telephoned to Miss Southgate, G.P.O., to let her know that the REES' new address to which they were not moving until December is 18c, Prince of Wales Terrace, W.8.

2. Miss Southgate later telephoned to tell me that she had now discovered that they had received an application on 23 October from Mrs REES for the REESs to take over the existing telephone at 18c, Prince of Wales Terrace. This number is WESTern 1316 and the previous owner was Anthony James WILLIAMS, believed to be a member of the Foreign Office. Miss Southgate said that this was a perfectly normal procedure as there was an existing telephone on which service had been suspended; it was only when there was an acute shortage of telephones in the near neighbourhood that this sort of takeover was not permitted by the G.P.O.

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✓ Note for PF.604,583

Miss Southgate, G.P.O., telephoned to me this afternoon to tell me that an application had been received by telephone from a woman who gave her name as REES. She wanted an instrument to be supplied to 30a Beaufort Mansions, Beaufort Street, S.W.3., and service was required by 11 November. The lady described herself as a reporter on The Sun newspaper and she added that she did not want service to cease on KNightsbridge 6352, her present number, as her parents were not moving with her!

This is of course the REES' daughter who is setting up house on her own. I explained this to Miss Southgate and I added that I believed Goronwy REES' new address was 18 Princes Gate, but I could not yet be positive and would let her know in due course.

Wrong, in fact.

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EXTRACT

Extract for File No. PF 604,583 Name: Goronwy REES

Original in File No. PF 604,583. Supp. A Vol. 9 Serial: 403 Receipt Date: 28.10.64.

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Ext. from T/C on KNI 6352 - Goronwy REES

Outgoing call MARGY to the TOWN HALL, to enquire the rateable value for 18c, PRINCE OF WALES TERRACE. DISTANT told her - gross and rateable value £475 and rateable value £367. MARGY confirmed it being the top flat.

16.00

possibly Headley MacNEICE
Louis's wife

Incoming call from HEADLEY, ringing from Ireland, to MARGY. MARGY confirmed having her pathological report and was pleased to say that all was well.

Personal chatter followed.

MARGY thought they were probably going to stay at the BAIRSTEDs for Christmas. She informed HEADLEY that they were moving and she told her of their maisonette in PRINCE OF WALES TERRACE. They had the top two floors with a marvellous roof at the back and this looked just like Paris. They were moving about the 9th of December. MARGY mentioned having a 20 years lease to sell on the house. JENNY had a flat on her own - LUCY would be leaving them too and it would just be themselves and the boys in the maisonette. They might go up to Yorkshire after Christmas.

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EXTRACT

Extract for File No. PF 604,583 Name : Goronwy REES

Original in File No.* PF 604,583 Supp A Vol. 9 Serial: 402 Receipt Date: 27.10.64.

Original from: T/C Under Ref: 4053 Dated: 25.10.64.

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Ext. from T/C on KNI 6352 - Goronwy REES

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Incoming call from SEBASTIAN YORK to THOMAS, enquiring whether they had moved yet. THOMAS said no - they were not moving until December.

16.28

*If the original is in the file of an individual include the name of the file owner.

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Note for PF.604,583

I telephoned to Mr. Hawkins' office, G.P.O., and spoke to Miss Southgate this afternoon. I told her that I had learned that REES had bought a new maisonette and that he would no doubt in due course apply for a telephone there. I told her that I did not yet know the address, but asked her to make a note of this information and let me know immediately if and when REES applied for a new telephone. Miss Southgate checked that no application has been received so far and promised to let me know when one is.

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E. McBarnet

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